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NEW PERMANENT FIRE CHIEF Rusty Jenks is congratulated by Town Manager Katherine Pisano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Russell Jenks Named Agawam Fire Chief

Town Manager Katherine Pisano has appointed Russell D. Jenks permanent Fire Chief of the Agawam Fire Department.

He was appointed firefighter December 13th, 1954; fire lieutenant March 16th, 1972; deputy fire chief May 4th, 1975; acting fire chief August 21st, 1981, to present.

His education includes an associate degree in fire science from Springfield Technical Community College.

He is a graduate of Agawam High School. He served in the U.S. Navy, assigned to damage control (firefighting team aboard ship).

Jenks has received many certificates; emergency medical technician (EMT), Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training, hazardous materials, arson seminars, and public safety and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy In-Service Training.

He has been responsible for the last few years in many expansions of the Agawam Fire Department, including updating of reporting procedures, training standards to provide greater safety to members of the department, and fire prevention programs for schools, including development of Captain NoBurn.

Jenks has brought fire prevention programs for business institutions and general public through weekly articles in the *Agawam Advertiser News*, has prepared fire manuals for nursing homes and school fire drills, and upgrading in ratings from the insurance services.

Presently, he is establishing a firefighters physical fitness program.

Jenks' professional contributions include: member of National Fire Protection Association; Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association, Western Massachusetts Fire Chiefs Association, Hampden County Fire Mutual Aid Association, charter member Massachusetts Fire Prevention Association, past member of Western Mass. Fire Prevention Association, and International Association of Arson Investigators.

Jenks resides with his wife, Joan, at 430 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Housing Authority Five New Finalists Blasts Vandalism OK'd By Council

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam Police are presently investigating vandalism and desecration of the veterans memorial at the J.J. Brady Village Veterans Housing Project in Feeding Hills. According to police, children are apparently responsible for the damage.

The project is under the supervision of the Agawam Housing Authority. Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski today warned that anyone found connected with the vandalism will be severely prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

"People who have no respect for a memorial to veterans will receive full prosecution from the local police and the town," Chmielewski told us. "This memorial was dedicated to men who died and fought for their country. Such vandalism to this memorial is an outrage."

Two years ago the Agawam Housing Authority, through local donations, arranged a Veterans Memorial in front of Brady Village. The flag pole was erected through a donation from the Polish-American Club and a flag was presented by the local Veterans Memorial Committee.

The Agawam Beautification Committee was contacted and installed wooden beams around the area and planted flowers within this area each year. Local tenants have been good enough to weed and water the flowers during the summer months.

The Agawam Veterans Memorial Committee holds memorial services there each Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The original plaque was moved, naming the project after Joseph J. Brady, who was the first local serviceman to die in the Second World War.

Agawam Town Council again discussed the town manager candidates on Tuesday night, April 16th, selecting five as finalists of the 35 resumes remaining from the previous search.

Search Committee Chairman Peter Longo said he would contact the five finalists. All sent resumes in February and Longo remains uncertain as to whether they are still available for the position.

A special council meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Monday night, April 25th. Longo will report on the availability of the five candidates to the council.

The council has yet to determine at which stage during the search process background research will be conducted.

Longo has expressed reservations for conducting research prior to the council's making a tentative job offer, saying the candidates have rights of privacy.

Councilor Andrew Gallano argued against waiting until the council makes a tentative offer of employment, commenting, "We've been caught short twice now. We should do the background first, and not offer the job until we know what we've got."

The council did reach a 12-0 consensus that any manager candidates who wish to allow their names to be made public, will have their names made public.

The council defeated in an 8 to 5 vote that any candidate being interviewed would have to make his name public.

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The Great Feeding Hills Center Crater



ONE OF THE TOWN'S BUSIEST intersections in Feeding Hills Center (on Route 57) is undergoing a facelift this week. Here, Agawam Police Sergeant Robert Rossi directs traffic which was bottlenecked throughout the week, in all directions. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Council Comm. Sets May 1st As Hearing For Charter Revision

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Town Council Charter Revision Committee has tentatively set May 1st for a public hearing of eight proposed amendments to the town charter.

Councilor Jack Shaughnessy, who urged the creation of the committee to "work out some of the kinks in the charter," said he is pleased with the committee's progress so far, and may urge the council to establish a standing committee for the charter revision to "work out the difficulties as they arise."

The amendments to be addressed during the public hearing will include an alteration of section 3-4 J, which has led to conflicts among the council. This concerns the manager's ability to sign contracts with municipal unions, prior to council funding the contract. The amendment seeks to establish funding prior to allowing the manager to enter into contracts.

Major Bone Of Contention

This was a major bone of contention between the council and former Manager Edward Caba.

The second proposed amendment was recommended by Councilor Andrew Gallano, who has proposed a \$1,000 fine for any councilor found guilty of interfering with administrative functions. State law presently enforces a \$500 fine for such activities.

The third and fourth proposed amendments would alter the election of the town accountant and council clerk from their present odd years to even years, thus putting their elections in the off-year of council elections.

The fifth proposal would update charter language on the open meeting law, proposing it state meetings must be posted 48 hours in advance, instead of 24 hours. Since the charter was written, state law has changed requiring meetings be posted 48 hours prior to consummation.

The sixth proposal recommends the elimination of the parliamentary move called a charter objection.

A charter objection may be used by a councilor the first time an issue comes up for council action. This automatically delays a council vote to the next council meeting.

While the apparent intent of a charter objection has been to allow a councilor time to gather additional information on a subject, several councilors feel the charter objections have been abused as political delaying tactics.

The seventh proposal recommends eliminating the use of a charter objection during the removal of a town manager. Councilors have argued the charter objection during a removal process serves only a dilatory purpose. The council works under a time frame during the removal process of a manager, limiting the amount of days action may be taken. A manager's removal must come before the council on three occasions for votes, allowing councilors ample time for research into the matter.

The eighth proposal calls for the establishment of a personal board. This would handle town personnel concerns that are now the manager's responsibility.

Introduce As An Ordinance

Gallano, who also made this proposal, told the committee he was considering introducing the measure as an ordinance instead of a charter change, so the matter may not appear during the public hearing.

The only amendment to be submitted besides those of councilors on the Revision Committee and Councilor Gallano, concerned staggered elections for the School Committee.

School Committee Chairman Walter Balboni made the recommendation, arguing it would assure greater continuity on the board. However, Shaughnessy rejected acting on the proposal, saying it would affect the elections of public officials, and that the election process was beyond the scope of the committee's legal capabilities.

Shaughnessy added the matter could be considered by a charter commission which would have the authority to make proposals affecting elections.

Following the public hearing, the council will vote to determine which proposals will be sent forward to the state's attorney general's office for review, to ensure the proposals comply with state law.

The remaining proposals would then proceed to the ballot this November.

Our news deadline next week is Tues. at noontime. Please Try & Be Prompt.

BRADY VILLAGE - From Page 1...

"The memorial is in memory of all veterans of all wars who fought so that we can enjoy the freedom we have today. It has, however, been plagued by vandals who evidently have no respect for things that are considered sacred," said Phyllis Mason, executive director of the Housing Authority.

"The Housing Authority asks that parents of children living within the village teach their children that they would not even be living there if their fathers were not veterans. Also, parents of other children who do not live there, but live in the area should teach their children to stay away from memorials such as this," Mrs. Mason added.

According to police, the problems include children swinging on the flag pole rope which has resulted in a bent flag pole. Also, one night someone ran up a white piece of cloth with the word "JEWS" printed on it with black electricians' tape. This happened during Holy Week, according to police.

"Parents should take the time to explain to their children what memorials are and why they are there. The police department has been asked to look into this matter," said Mrs. Mason. "The newly formed Brady Village Tenants Organization has been informed, and will work in conjunction with the local housing authority to try to solve this problem," she concluded.

MANAGER SEARCH - From Page 1...

Among the five new finalists, the council has again chosen Sam Coxson, of Colorado, who was interviewed as a finalist during the previous search as a finalist, along with Jack Lantrip of Marple, Pennsylvania.

Though Lantrip submitted a letter to the council asking that he be considered, he failed to get the necessary votes to become a finalist during this new initiative.

initiative.

Another of the five applicants chosen was among the original nine finalists who were named last month, but was not able to be interviewed by the council within the search time frame.

Lantrip was dropped as a candidate for town manager after a tentative employment offer, following background research against his resume.

NO ONE covers municipal news in Agawam every week like our STUART PARKER.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB Chapter 1 held an installation dinner on Wednesday, April 10th. New officers included, from left - Paul Ferrarini, installing officer; Louise Ferrarini, marshall; Katherine Aldrich, chaplain; Edward Organeck, treasurer; Mary E. Demersky, recording secretary; Madelyn Harper, corresponding secretary; Lee Faits, vice-president; and Louis Scherpa, president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Golden Agers Elect New Officers

Members of Agawam Golden Age Club Chapter 1 held their installation dinner last Wednesday, April 10th, at the Colosseum Banquet House; with 200 members attending.

President Louis Scherpa opened the annual affair with a toast to members for the loyal support.

Officers installed for 1985-1986 were: Louis Scherpa, president; Lee Faits, vice-president; Madelyn Harper, corresponding secretary; Mary Demersky, recording secretary; Edward Organeck, treasurer; and Catherine Aldrich, chaplain.

Installing officer was Paul V. Ferrarini Sr. His wife, Louise, was marshall. Mrs. Ferrarini called officers to line up in front of the podium, facing members. As the installing officer called each officer, the marshall pinned badges on their left shoulder and paraded each officer around the hall. Then the installing officer gave each new officer their charge of duties. All members stood to hear their charge.

Melconian Appointed To Eldery Health Bd.

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has been appointed to a commission to study health care for the elderly by Governor Michael S. Dukakis.

The Commission was established during the last legislative session and is charged with the review and study of all aspects of health care for the elderly. The commission will report its findings to the legislature by January 1986.

Commenting on her appointment to the commission, Senator Melconian said, "I am quite pleased and honored to be appointed to a commission that deals exclusively with such a critical problem that faces all senior citizens.

"As vice-chairman of the Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, I will be a strong and informed voice on the commission. I look forward to being actively involved in working for better health care options for the elderly."

"Developing health care options for our senior citizens is one of my top priorities," said Dukakis. "HMO's offer one exciting possibility for providing cost-effective quality health care for our elders. I look



INSTALLING OFFICER Paul Ferrarini (left) passes the gavel to Chapter 1 President Louis Scherpa. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

**Thursday, April 18th
Planning Board Meeting
Public Library
7:30 P.M.**

**Monday, April 22nd
SCHOOL REOPEN**

**Monday, April 22nd
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday, April 23rd
School Committee Meeting
Junior High Cafeteria
7:00 P.M.**

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TOWN OF AGAWAM MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1985, AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M., AT THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, COMMUNITY ROOM, 750 COOPER STREET, AGAWAM, MA., ON THE PROPOSED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 1985-1986, AND PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 1986-1990, AS SUBMITTED BY THE TOWN MANAGER AND AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, 36 MAIN STREET, AGAWAM, MA. BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

ALSO, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ABOVE PUBLIC HEARING, COPY OF PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF REVENUE SHARING FUND-ENTITLEMENT PERIOD 16 - 10/1/84 - 9/30/85 CURRENTLY AVAILABLE WILL BE DISCUSSED TO AFFORD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT BY THE CITIZENS.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM, MA PUBLIC HEARING

The following budgets have been submitted to the Agawam Town Council who will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 8, 1985 at 8:00 P.M., at the Agawam Public Library, Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The budgets may be inspected at the Town Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Also, citizens will be afforded the opportunity for input on the proposed allocation of Revenue Sharing Funds-Entitlement Period 16-10/1/84-9/30/85 currently available. A summary sheet of the budgets and proposed use of Revenue Sharing Funds is available.

Summary (PROPOSED) TOWN OF AGAWAM BUDGET - 1985 - 1986						
Department	Personnel	Matl. & Supplies	Contract. Service	Equipment	Misc.	Total
010-Town Council	41,100	425	10,240	100	500	52,365
011-Town Manager	95,620	1,375	900	200	100	98,195
012-Town Accountant	53,370	375	2,450	-0-	-0-	56,195
013-Town Clerk	58,265	375	9,235	-0-	-0-	67,875
014-Town Treasurer	60,910	375	510	700	-0-	62,495
015-Town Collector	36,175	700	1,200	-0-	-0-	38,075
016-Town Assessor	73,405	950	2,500	250	-0-	77,105
017-Law	26,000	-0-	41,000	-0-	-0-	67,000
018-Elec. & Regis.	7,735	125	13,300	-0-	-0-	21,160
019-Admin. Bldg.	25,775	11,475	110,875	1,360	-0-	149,485
021-Fire	1,280,105	34,695	75,185	3,200	-0-	1,393,185
022-Police	1,268,515	79,875	29,410	63,570	-0-	1,441,370
023-Wets. & Meas.	38,205	955	360	1,050	-0-	40,570
024-Bldg. Inspec.	104,910	1,975	1,150	-0-	-0-	108,035
025-Forestry	2,500	-0-	28,000	-0-	-0-	30,500
026-Civil Defense	1,200	1,250	2,500	-0-	-0-	4,950
027-Health	133,525	4,710	1,175	-0-	-0-	139,410
028-Sanitation-DPW	165,305	31,265	618,710	45,500	57,940	918,720
029-Admin-DPW	37,430	580	385	340	-0-	38,735
030-Hwy./Grnd./Maint	368,460	296,400	113,700	9,100	-0-	787,660
031-Engineering-DPW	76,665	3,220	815	12,770	-0-	93,470
036-Library	155,680	7,045	36,000	860	34,000	233,585
037-Parks & Rec.	48,760	7,375	5,975	1,500	19,355	82,965
039-Community Devel.	43,420	600	1,000	-0-	-0-	45,020
045-Mtr. Veh. Maint. DPW	89,270	5,930	5,110	460	-0-	100,770
046-Rubbish Collect.	-0-	-0-	231,930	-0-	-0-	231,930
057-Council/Aging	61,560	2,900	35,350	100	-0-	99,910
058-Bd. Of Appeals	1,200	100	90	-0-	-0-	1,390
063-Dog Control	19,360	2,250	6,100	-0-	-0-	27,710
064-Data Processing	68,905	150	7,735	-0-	-0-	76,790
081-School Maint.	646,955	56,900	591,980	600	-0-	1,296,435
080-Capital Budget	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	175,000
200-Line Items	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	4,948,822
	5,090,285	554,350	1,984,870	141,660	111,895	13,006,882
035-Schools	Oper. Exp. 9,168,000	Out/St. Travel 2,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	9,170,000
Grand Total						22,176,882
032-DPW Water Fund	251,110	140,485	495,700	53,400	190,505	1,131,200

CAPITAL BUDGET PROGRAM (Proposed - 1986-1990)

PROJECT	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	FUNDING SOURCES
Water Improvements	450,000	620,000	500,000	475,000	250,000	Borrowing (to be paid by water income)
Wastewater Projects	315,000	1,800,000	450,000	2,490,000	1,755,000	Borrowing (General Obligation bond paid by combination of betterments and appropriations).
State Grant	-0-	1,525,000	-0-	-0-	790,000	
Federal Grant	-0-	-0-	1,800,000	-0-	-0-	
Highway Projects	333,000	663,000	180,000	130,000	1,000,000	Borrowing (General Obligation Bonds).
Drainage	-0-	361,000	370,000	336,000	205,000	Borrowing (General Obligation bonds or appropriations).
Equipment	432,400	125,000	45,000	346,000	47,000	Appropriations
General	113,000	882,000	1,055,000	45,000	45,000	Stabilization Fund, Appropriations & Borrowing (General Obligation bonds).
Total	1,643,400	5,976,000	4,400,000	3,822,000	4,092,000	

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS (PROPOSED USE) 1985-1986

Estimated Revenue:
Entitlement Period 16 666,430

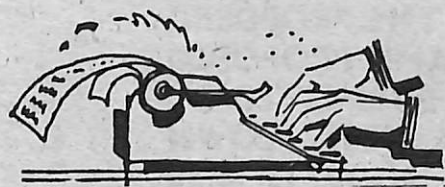
Proposed Use:
Police-Cruisers 60,000
Highway-Snow & Ice Control 72,500
Waste Collection 231,930
Line Item-Street Lights 280,000
Line Item-SPAN 22,000
666,430

Ursula Retzler
Town Council Clerk
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Editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Former Councilor Recalls Disaster

To The Editor:

On the first Wednesday of March, I attended a wonderful gathering of Agawam residents at the Fred-Howard Park in Port Richey. It was great seeing all our friends from back home. It was quite a success; let's hope it continues.

As I have always said, I do not miss the Massachusetts area, but I do miss my friends, relatives and business associates. Florida, especially Venice, is a thing of beauty! The ocean nearby is relaxing, and the Lake I live on is refreshing. What else can I say???

Least but not last. I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT MY *Agawam Advertiser News*

I have enclosed an article on the recent tornado that unexpectedly sneaked in and destroyed most of our area, as described. I thought you would like to read about it from a former resident that was part of this horrible disaster.

Venice! One of the most beautiful areas of Florida, suffered a major disaster on St. Patrick's Day; A TORNADO.

It followed one path only — directly through the affluent area of Venice Gardens. It killed two persons, injured scores of residents who were taken to Venice Hospital, and damaged hundreds of homes and businesses. Some homes were leveled right to the ground. The lake we live on is full of debris and roofs from homes.

It was a real nightmare. I awoke at 2:00 a.m., with the thunder and lightning, and walked out on my terrace to watch the leaves of the palm trees swing back and forth like a fan. At that moment, thinking it was a bad storm, I thanked God for the rain, as it was badly needed in Venice.

After going back to bed, again I awakened at 4:15 a.m., with the same sounds of terror, thunder and lightning, but his time louder and more threatening.

I became frightened looking out the window. I could hear the animals and the birds screaming along the lake side, then I knew the storm was not over, but probably would become worse. At 4:40 a.m. or so, my roof sounded as though it was ready to cave in with the hail, thunder, lightning and sure enough, the sound of smashing windows in my home. I stood in my hallway screaming, thinking this was the beginning of the end!

After a few moments, all was calm, and I could hear people screaming for help. I looked out the front door. All our neighbors were in the street with flashlights and nightclothes. Immediately, I alerted a few families that I thought would need help, but much to my amazement, they were not affected at all by the tornado. When daylight broke, the damage was visible; it looked as though we lived in a war zone. Across the lake, homes were destroyed. I understand at one home, the roof lifted up during the tornado, and flying terrace furniture and plants flew into her attic, and then the roof receded in position. Real weird! Although some residents had more damage than we did, I feel the trauma is the same; never during the remaining days of my life will I ever forget this horrible experience.

It was wonderful to see how many of our friends and neighbors kept the faith, all bound together trying to ease the pain. I live on a private road, and since the storm, an influx of the morbidly curious, who will inevitably be drawn to the scene of any well-publicized disaster, have demonstrated a "gawker phenomenon", bumper-to-bumper.

They all had cameras, some walking right into private property to take their pictures. Of course, many of these "gawkers" were stopped by the deputy sheriffs, and non-residents were kept out of the affected areas. The sheriffs were on guard for over a week, stopping traffic that had no business in the area. They did a splendid job. The Salvation Army is to be commended for the splendid way they fed people in the worst area of Venice Gardens who lost their homes. Everyday, for seven days, they served hot lunches, coffee, and all soft drinks, free of charge.

Today, as I am typing this to your paper, I look out the window to see all kinds of construction going on. It's beginning to look like a new area. Thank God, praise the Lord we are alive! Enjoy your blessings, don't live for material things in life, nothing matters except your health, and faith in God.

I received phone calls from all over the country and from all parts of Massachusetts (friends who were concerned of our well-being), and two calls from Rome, Italy, and Calabria, Italy (places that I visited last summer with my 15 year-old granddaughter, Kristen Harrington).

Cecilia S. Harrington
Venice, Florida
Former Town Councilor

Residents Hit Drug Store On Magazines

To The Editor:

Lately, we have become concerned about the influx of pornography in our community. These magazines are showing up everywhere, especially in stores that are considered "family marketplaces." As parents, we are not comfortable sending our children, especially our teenagers, into stores that sell these magazines.

In a recent letter that we received from CVS, they state the following: "In response to your letter, we surveyed the Agawam, Massachusetts, area and found adult magazines available in several types of stores, sometimes presented with more titles and less discretion than CVS. As stated in previous correspondence to the Greater Springfield Chapter of the National Federation for Decency, I can only conclude that the community at large accepts our method of merchandising these products."

Do the citizens of Agawam want pornography invading the family marketplace?

"A study released by the University of New Hampshire in the spring of 1984 showed that the states which had the highest readership of pornographic magazines such as Playboy, Hustler, etc., also have the highest rape rate. Murray Strauss and Larry Baron, University of New Hampshire - *Sexual Stratification, Pornography and Rape in American States*."

Also, "The FBI estimates that last year in the United States recreational killers murdered 5,000 people. Most of them, say FBI officials, feed on pornography."

"According to columnist Jack Anderson, the Michigan State Police found that pornography is used or imitated in 41 percent of the sex crimes they investigate."

The rape rate has increased more than 700% since 1933, and that takes into consideration the population growth, says Dr. Victor Cline.

The businesses that sell porn are sensitive to local attitudes and concerns and will respond to public interest in matters such as this. If we are to keep America the great country our forefathers intended, we must speak out right now!

Sincerely Yours,
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Dietschler
Agawam

Moreno Blasts AAN Editorial

Publishers of newspapers who write editorials without rhyme or reason, write with tongue in cheek, or — who write to paint an ugly picture of citizens and public officials should, I believe, be sure of the facts of the issue and should stop coloring and distorting the facts to favor special interests.

Publisher Richard M. Sardella you have in your recent editorial (April 11th) in the *Agawam Advertiser* titled "Political Camps Must Share Blame For Manager Search Debacle."

The editorial opened with — "the recent failure to produce a new town manager for Agawam can be partially blamed on several errors made by the manager search committee." The balance of the paragraph following Publisher Sardella's claims — Sardella added "the mistakes made were magnified tenfold." (Note: not one of the "tenfold errors" were itemized nor classified by Published Sardella. Why?

Why did Publisher Sardella claim the search committee process was "hindered by the constant and thorny appearance of two local candidates for the manager's job." What was his purpose for that statement? (Note: It is an absolute erroneous and false statement by the publisher when he charges that — I quote — "Political camps supporting former councilors Valentine R. Moreno and Robert Deforge only intensified the behind-the-scenes politicking for the job." (Note: I speak for myself (Moreno). Unless the publisher Sardella questions each and every one of the councilors as to whether or not any councilor was approached by me or any other person who was authorized to speak in my behalf for the job — your statement shall remain an irresponsible falsehood. Until Publisher Sardella apologizes and attests to the truth of his story — his lie will stand.

Publisher Sardella — you next state an "impression that my efforts were directed to thwarting the selection process. In effect, what you said was I thwarted the attempt to bring in a professional manager to Agawam. This is not true.

The only one who thwarted the hiring of the applicant Lantrip (Jack) was Lantrip, with the council's help. He did not measure up in many ways. "Lantrip Killed Lantrip."

The foundation for the whole show discussed here was the action taken by the council at the March 11th, 1985 meeting which voted and passed unanimously by 14 votes of the council.

Councilor Blatt moved that, and I quote: "a vote be taken on each of the 41 applicants and that the 5 applicants who receive the most votes in descending order and who are still available and interested in being considered for the position of town manager be interviewed by the full council."

Seconded by Councilor Dan Lacienski. Voted: Unanimous.

This motion came about by a statement of the search committee chairman (Longo) who recommended the same proposal (as stated in the minutes of the March 11th meeting, page one) — and then also approved by and spelled out in more detail the procedures by Councilor Blatt who in turn made the above motion which was approved and passed by the Council.

How Did It Work?

1. The system was set in motion by a vote. The Search Committee Chairman (Longo) selected 5 applicants to be interviewed, but when called, 4 of the 5 applicants decided they were no longer interested. 2. So going ahead with the system as established by the council (above) Longo proceeded to call for the four replacements and set interview dates and time. (Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., and Monday, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.)

On Saturday at the 10:00 a.m. meeting it was disclosed that 3 of the next five were no longer interested. Here the voted procedure stopped — the next step should have been to replace the 3 who did not want the job. (Note: you can see that I had no say whatsoever in the process.

Instead of selecting the next 3 replacements, as their vote mandated — they, the council, decided to accept "Jack" — subject to an investigation. The investigation obviously proved negative; he did not receive the votes necessary to be hired.

Not A Suitable Candidate

I leave to you Publisher Sardella, and to the readers of this response to the "Editor" to determine who and why did the Council now, suddenly, insist on selecting a candidate who was obviously not a suitable candidate for the job.

I, Valentine Moreno, state here and now that that was when the politicking, (breaking the councilor's vows, their vote, their words if you will) were all summarized.

Publisher, how do you explain away the council's actions? (Note: you so far have missed the true facts for the second time.

3. Next you claim Councilor Trimboli "pushed" for "Moreno to be a finalist." That is a total fabrication.

Mr. Publisher, the truth is councilor exercised his personal feelings — by abstaining to vote on the issue because the whole process was improper.

Also, Councilor Trimboli some time ago — before the selection process, requested of the council to create a committee to study the feasibility of a mayor form of government, he also sought a vote of confidence from the council.

I, Valentine Moreno, was in no way involved with Councilor Trimboli's actions. But — If a move is presented I will, just as you did, publisher, be out front for a mayor form of government.

4. In your next paragraph you state, "When Mr. Moreno failed to become a finalist for the job, Councilor Trimboli vigorously lambasted the search committee." This piece of fiction is typical of your whole editorial. I want to point out that you, Publisher Sardella, were not and have not been to any of the council meetings held even before any of the search committee meetings

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MORENO - From Page 6...

I wonder — and I speak for all your readers, where and how did you develop your insight into the feelings, and the actions taken by others, telling me and others what we intended, what the search committee intended, what the whole council intended, and including the emotions of all the above.

What is this magic power you possess? Who and what are your sources for the facts you claim so freely. I know and you know that your sources are second and third handed, perhaps even fourth handed (removed from the action itself. Would you tell your readers who your sources are? How can anyone believe you if you don't.

5. Your next charge. You Publisher Sardella, claim that "Since Mr. Moreno received six votes when it was understood by all the councilors that eight votes were necessary to qualify as a finalist." (Note: I have filed a true copy of the minutes with this editorial response)½

6. It is highly unintelligent of you when you classify that "my law suit was rooted in the zeal to tag Mr. Moreno as a finalist." There you go again and declare what prompts other people to do things, are you a clairvoyant?

Incidentally, my law suit is based on the motion that the council voted unanimously to give the 41 applicants an equal opportunity to be interviewed.

Doesn't it strike you as strange that since the motion as taken has the strength of law, why didn't the council follow their law through? Why didn't you publisher, "follow through and at least read the law the council passed to go through the 41 applicants till they found a manager."

Doesn't it strike you as strange, as it does me, that the council plans to do something, then, when it got to Moreno, they suddenly had a change of mind? Doesn't it plague your mind? These are the facts, or questions that a good publisher would get the answers to before he wrote a castigating editorial on a public person.

In closing, let me pose an observation — Remember, the candidate "Jack" remained anonymous until after the vote and the interview. Keeping that in mind and how adamant you publisher and the council were about divulging the names.

The biggest laugh of all was brought on by your last paragraph which reads "Political Agawam has at times been termed as many factions vying for power or ever a group of "Dukedoms." If you accept this thinking then two of the Dukes were up front and personal in this particular struggle for local authority." I, Moreno, will enjoy finishing the lines — "Better a Duke than a court jester from Marples, Pennsylvania." Get it.

Valentine R. Moreno
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This notice is given by the Agawam Town Council in compliance with M.G.L.A. 43B, Section 10 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on May 1, 1985, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, before the Council Charter Review Committee to discuss suggested amendments to the Agawam Town Charter.

Councilor John Shaughnessy
Chairman of the Charter Review Committee
Published: April 18th, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM
Board Of Appeals**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of PAUL BASDEKIS who is seeking relief from Chapter 20, Paragraph 43(e) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of a two family residence on a lot with less than the required side yards at the premises identified as 641-643 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman
Published: April 18th, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE

"The Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, is requesting bid proposals from insurance agencies and companies for a major portion of its Property and Liability insurance program. Bid specifications and underwriting data will be made available on or after 10:00 a.m. on April 16, 1985 at the office of the Town Treasurer. All bids will be due by 4:00 p.m. on June 14, 1985 at the same office. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to make the award as may be determined to be in the best interest of the Town."

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LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****LEGAL NOTICE****AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 25, 1985, in the Agawam Public Library, at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to amend an Order of Conditions issued to Paul J. Deamer on 61 Riverview Avenue, Agawam, MA.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: April 18th, 1985

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 25, 1985, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act on the petition of John DePalma, to perform work subject to the Act on White Brook Estates, Section II.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: April 18th, 1985

Registry Of Deeds Partakes In Cable TV Program

The Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in association with Continental Cablevision of Springfield, will begin filming an educational documentary as part of its ongoing public information program, announced Register of Deeds Donald E. Ashe.

The film will inform the public on the various procedures involved in recording a document, including a tour through the registry's own book bindery and microfilming department.

It is also designed to simplify the task of retrieving information previously recorded, necessary in order to trace and examine title to property.

In addition, the documentary will include a history of the registry, dating back to the so called "Indian Deed," which is presently contained in the registry's archives. This deed was signed by several Indian chiefs by appropriate marks, and conveyed several miles of land along the Connecticut River which is known today as Springfield and Agawam.

Upon completion of the film, notification will be made to the superintendent of schools as the film will be made available to area schools as part of the presentation, designed to give students an understanding of this Hampden County service.

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Families

Roast Beef Dinner Benefits "Operation Friendship"



ENJOYING DESSERT & COFFEE at Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Saturday, April 13th, are from left Joseph & Lucy Archetti. The roast beef dinner benefitted "Operation Friendship", the summer foreign exchange program, at the church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Women's Club Slates Dinner Meeting

The Agawam Women's Club will close the 1984-1985 club season on Monday evening, April 22nd, with a dinner meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m., at DaVinci's Restaurant at the Court House in Feeding Hills.

The Annual Meeting to follow will include election of officers for the ensuing year.

Each member is asked to bring a cherished possession for an informal "Show and Tell" program to conclude the evening. Mrs. Bruno Maule is in charge of the arrangements.

Sons Of Norway Slates April 26th Meeting

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge, No. 3-552, will hold its next meeting on Friday, April 26th, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

All Scandinavians or persons interested in Norwegian culture are welcome. For further information, call Francis Lamoureux, social director, at 583-2493.

Recognition Buffet To Honor Heritage Hall Volunteers

A "Recognition Breakfast Buffet" will be held for the volunteers of Heritage Hall Retirement and Nursing Homes on Saturday, April 27th, at Valle's Steak House in Springfield.

Ninety volunteers will receive recognition award certificates in acknowledgement for the special care, time, and involvement they provide to the residents.

The staff of Heritage Hall wish to express sincere thanks to all the volunteers on behalf of the residents in providing entertainment and assistance with activities throughout the year.

Agawam High Class Of 1970 Plans 15-Year Reunion

Agawam High School Class of 1970 is planning its 15th reunion for October 26th at the Polish American Club. Tickets will be \$25 a couple.

Anyone wishing to help, please contact Ann Christopher, 736-7482 or Gail (Sullivan) Brown, 786-5964 for information.



HEAD CHEFS at the Saturday, April 13th roast beef dinner for "Operation Friendship" were Rev. Wilbur Sadlier and George Kopy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Baptist Church Slates Spring Smorgasbord

United Women's Fellowship of Agawam Baptist Church schedules its Spring Smorgasbord on Saturday, May 4th. Two sittings are planned at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

The menu will consist of fruit cup, home-baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meatballs, deviled eggs, American chop suey, beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, potato salad, sunshine salad, tossed salad, relish tray, assorted homemade pies, rolls, coffee, tea or milk.

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FAST TAKE-OUT SERVICE

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by Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Full length movies can be rented from VIDEO VIDEO VIDEO located at 303 Walnut Street in Agawam.

The shop stocks over 1,300 different movies in categories including drama, comedy, childrens, horror, and adult themes.

Each movie is on a special video tape designed to be used on a Video Cassette Recorder (VCR). The recorder is about the size of a small stereo turn-table and sits on top of a television set. The movie is then reproduced through the television set.

VIDEO VIDEO VIDEO is owned and operated by John Iellamo of Springfield. Video Cassette Recorders, (VCR's), along with video tapes, can be rented at this shop.

It opened about seven weeks ago and offers reduced rates for a club membership program. There are presently over 300 members receiving reduced rates on movie rentals. A member receives a video tape at \$3 for three days or \$2 for two days. A non-member must rent a tape at \$5.25 per day, plus leave a \$25 deposit.

The shop is offering a lifetime membership at \$19.85 as part of an introductory offer. The price to rent a VCR varies. There is a charge of \$30 for Monday to Friday, including three free movies, or \$25 for Friday to Monday and two free movies. They also have another plan with a \$15 fee from Saturday to Monday and one free movie.

These prices are for members only. Non-members wishing to rent a video recorder must leave a larger cash deposit, as well as a valid identification.

As part of their opening promotion, a color TV raffle was held when they reached 200 members. The next 200 members joining the club will be eligible to win a video cassette recorder for showing movies at home. For a Tuesday night only movie, the tape rental is only \$1.

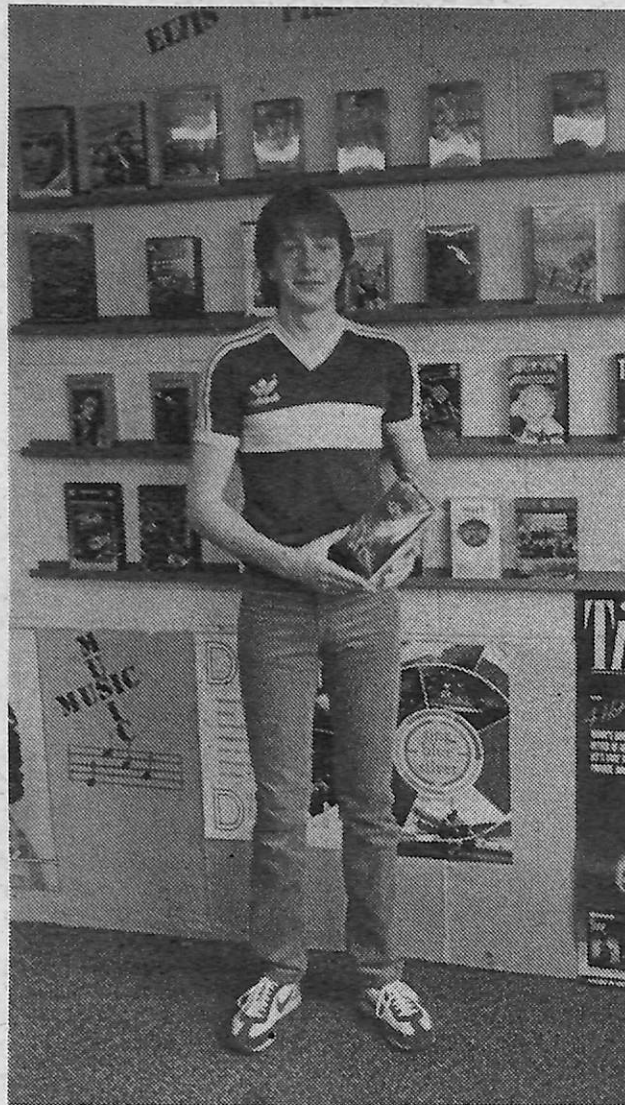
The paperwork to rent a video or VCR is similar to borrowing a book from a library. Members have a card and a card file is kept on all tapes being rented. If a favorite movie is already out, store personnel will put it on reserve.

For those that prefer watching television to reading a book, VIDEO VIDEO VIDEO is the place to visit. Besides movies, sports fans will find tapes of interest such as golfing and fishing. There are also musicals including Elvis Presley and the latest teen favorites, such as Prince. New video tapes will be added to the shelves as soon as they are available. This new concept in watching shows at home is becoming more and more popular, according to store management.

Something For All Ages

Children will enjoy the section with animated Walt Disney cartoons, the popular Snoopy, or classics such as the *Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Treasure Island*.

In the drama section, movies such as *Tender Mercies* with Robert Duvall (that was rated one of the best



OVER AT VIDEO, VIDEO, VIDEO, on 303 Walnut Street, there are over 1,300 movies in stock. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

movies of 1983) and action movies like *Star Wars* or *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Here you will find Robert Redford in *The Natural* or the heartwarming *Yentl* with Barbara Streisand. *On Golden Pond* is also here, as well as all the James Bond movies starring either Sean Connery or Roger Moore. All time favorites like *Ben Hur*, *Casablanca*, *Little Women*, *Sound of Music* and one of Brando's best, *On The Waterfront*, are here. Many of Clint Eastwood's can all be located at the store.

The average length of a movie is about 90 minutes. For those that like spine-tingling entertainment, there is a large selection of horror movies including *The Beastmaster*, *Dracula*, and all the parts of *Friday the 13th*.

Because everyone needs a good laugh now and then, a large comedy section is available with movies such as *Best Friends* with Burt Reynolds, the *Muppets*, several of Steve Martin's hits, and the *Oh God* series with George Burns. Coming soon to the store is Burns latest *Oh God! You Devil*. Also on the comedy shelves are many by the Three Stooges and the familiar W.C. Fields.

All of the movies are plainly marked with their ratings.

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FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks
Agawam Fire Chief

Apartment, Condo Dwellers Need To Be Extra Fire-Wise

It's a fact. It's even more important to practice fire safety when you live in a multiple-unit family dwelling like a condo or apartment. Your fire-wise attitude affects everyone in your building...just as your neighbors' fire safety practices — or the lack of them — affect your safety.

Multiple dwelling fire safety begins when you first look for your condo or apartment. Are exits accessible and well-marked? Do they lead directly outdoors? Are exit stairways fully enclosed? Does the building appear well maintained? Ask about built-in sprinklers, smoke detectors and extinguisher stations. Find out how dependably boxes and trash are removed from the hallways.

Once you've moved in, the next step is yours. In a real sense, you and all the residents who share your building hold one another's safety in the balance. Does your landlord post information of fire escape planning? Is literature on subjects like smoking in bed, safe use of space heaters, etc., distributed to new arrivals?

If not, get in touch with the landlord and tenant and ask that a meeting of tenants be called to discuss these issues. Everyone should know what kind of fire alarm system the building has — and what it sounds like. Does the building have an alarm system which automatically notifies the fire department when the alarm sounds? If not, one or two tenants should be designated to report the blaze after they escape.

If your multiple-unit building is a high-rise, additional precautions are required. Know how many doorways separate your door from the nearest exit, so you can feel your way out in the dark or in heavy smoke. Know that elevators must not be used in a fire emergency — take the stairs. If you live on an upper floor, consider going up, not down when fire strikes: just head for the roof, station yourself upwind of the smoke, and wait the fire out. Few high-rise fires get big enough to compromise a roof's structural integrity. (Are rooftop doors locked? Ask your landlord to remove the locks and install alarm panic bars.)

All in all, fire-wise apartment or condo living is a matter of common sense, just as it is in a detached house. Never forget you share your building with others — and collectively, each one of you holds the others' safety in his or her hands.

St. Theresa's Church Honors 15 Cub Scouts

At the 9:00 a.m. Mass, on Sunday, April 14th, 15 cub scouts from Pack 76, sponsored by St. Theresa's Church, were presented the "Parvuli Dei Religious Emblem" award by Reverend Father Albert Breton.

These cub scouts worked for a period of six months under the instruction of Paula Raiche and Una Trudel.

One of the added requirements was the making of a banner by each boy which were on display in the church.

The cubs receiving the awards were: Wayne Ball, Marcel Blais, Christopher Belleville, Patrick Brames, David Bleau, Andrew David, Michael Brusseau, Raymond Drewnowski, William Douglas, Brian King, Jeremy Foisey, Alan Niemiec, John Manning, Joseph Scherpa, and Scott Rider.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE: In Part I of a four-part series, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry will explore some local folklore, legends, and legacies, several of which happened not too long ago. Part II will be published next week, with Parts III and IV on May 2nd and May 9th, respectively.

Strange Phenomenon Of Agawam/Feeding Hills

Perhaps the name of Ben Botkin does not mean much to the average person, still, one of his most well-known accomplishments is to be found in his *Treasury of New England Folklore*, published in 1947.

Although Botkin achieved a variety of successful accomplishments during his time, he finally resigned his position as Fellow of the Library of Congress in 1945, for the purpose of writing his now famous and widely read book concerning "The Stories, Legends, Tall Tales, Traditions, Ballads, and Songs of the Yankee People."

On the flyleaf of his book, Botkin's treatise on that which makes a Yankee what he or she is, is aptly described in the following words: *Here are the Yankees — the salty, shrewd, thrifty, ingenious, laconic, fun-loving, cantankerous, pixilated, God-fearing people of New England.*

Indeed, the aforementioned quote is a mouthful, yet it aptly describes those of us who have chosen to live our lifetime in the realm of Yankee-land!

Today, Botkin's classic still remains a standard text on the strangeness of character that personifies those hard-nosed people who would call themselves Yankees. Just as the author exemplifies the thousands of tales concerning the early legends of those Yankees who came before us, this article hopes to establish the fact that even today, in this fast moving age, Yankees still contribute to the endless stories of strange and bizarre events that have occurred within the quiet realm of our town and village.

What Is A Yankee?

The term Yankee is almost impossible to trace! Still, it is as legendary as the land and people themselves.

The Agawam Advertiser-News

There are those who ascribe the word to an Indian origin, but there remains much evidence in favor of a title originally applied to the early Dutch of New York.

Accordingly, as time passed, the Dutch began to apply the name to the early settlers of Connecticut. It is difficult to define the exact meaning of the word since its origin is not absolutely attributable to any one language.

"Yankee" might find its derivation from its application to a "scoundrel," or perhaps an individual of "shrewd ways." Whatever its origin, the term Yankee has undergone a series of meaningful applications from anyone who resides in New England, to the more general application of anyone who resides in the United States.

During the Civil War, the term was used to signify anyone who lived north of the Mason-Dixon Line. By the time of World War I, the name was given to those who fought or lived within the confines of the United States.

To many, the term Yankee is applied to those of us who live our lives in the region of the Northeast; east of the Hudson River, south of the Canadian border, and north of the southernmost extremities of Connecticut.

Certainly by 1765, at the close of the final French and Indian Wars, New Englanders had adopted the name with pride and joy. So, it would appear that we are henceforth known by the name of Yankee!

It matters little that a Yankee be of recent origin, or that he or she be descended from a long line of earlier ancestry within this region. What does seem of significance is the fact that once a person is caught within the realm of this province, he fastly becomes a part of that which exemplifies the true Yankee character.

We are, all of us, immigrants to this land of freedom and liberty. Having arrived in the "Cradle of Liberty," we soon turn aside our remembrance of the past and rightfully assume a character that sets us apart from everyone else who might claim an attachment to the Founding Fathers.

There is much to be learned from the worlds of William Chauncy Langdon: *There is more than humor in the saying that New England is a state of mind. There is New England, wherever New Englanders go.*

If Botkin Be Right...

If Ben Botkin's collection of tales is truly symbolic of the earlier Yankee character and imagination, then most assuredly whatever it is that makes us so concerned with natural and supernatural phenomenon is

just as much alive today (as it was when our forefathers began noting strange and somewhat unbelievable stories).

Certainly, our town and village can make some small claim to particular incidents that might make the casual bystander raise an eyebrow or two!

Herein are just a few of the happenings that were personally related to us over the years, as they pertain to strange happenings within the confines of our small community.

Believe them or not, they seemed real to the storyteller, some of whose names must remain anonymous, for obvious reasons. Assuredly, they must have seemed authentic to those who experienced them.

The Wild Kingdom Is Closer Than You Think

Up to and including these past 20 or more years, Feeding Hills was as much dedicated to agriculture and the preservation of Nature as it has been since its early settlement by the European. Therefore, it is not difficult to appreciate an incident that occurred to an aged gentleman of the village whose diary dated sometime at the turn of this century, we read some years ago.

According to this man's words, he often found it difficult to sleep on certain evenings, due to the constant howling of animals somewhere along Provin Mountain.

This was especially true during the phases of the full moon. His father often consoled the boy that the noise was nothing more than wolves making their accustomed nocturnal prowls along the mountain ridge. Wolves...Provin Mountain?

This may seem difficult to believe to present residents of our community. Yet, why should it not be so? Upon careful consideration of the situation and in terms of media disclosures, we are today aware of the possibility that coydogs, wolves, or coyotes are at times seen within the periphery of our town and village.



At this writing, we have spoken to at least a few local woodsmen who know their lore, and they claimed that they have seen visible evidence, first hand, of the creatures of which we speak...and within the village of Feeding Hills.

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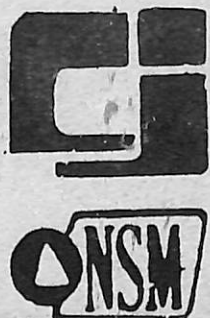
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday & Sunday, April 20th - 21st
Weekend Paper Drive
Boy Scout Troop 70
Springfield Turnverein - Garden St.
Noontime to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21st
Pancake Breakfast
Polish American Club
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Thursday to Saturday, April 25th-27th
"Grease" Musical
Agawam High School
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Saturday, April 27th
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LEGENDS - From Page 10...

It should not be surprising that in Botkin's account of "Fiddling for the Wolves," he makes references to a certain individual known as "Sammy Sprig," who was known as a "great little fiddler." The gentleman in question lived in Sandisfield.

One evening, while passing Wolf Swamp, he encountered a wolf pack! With naught to do but save his skin, he came upon a deserted cabin whereupon he entered and immediately proceeded to climb onto the rafters, while the pack closed in upon his heels.

Without further ado, and since it was a moonlit night, the fiddler played tunes throughout the evening until he was finally rescued by neighbors who "kilt the devilish critters."

Now, the fact remains we cannot honestly attest to the exact period of time when the above mentioned tale took place, however, we do know that Sandisfield is but a "stone's throw away" from Feeding Hills...as the crow flies.

It seems quite probable that at one time, our area must have witnessed a wolf or two! The fact remains that it is just possible these so-called carnivorous beasts of the wild are still within our reach. Regardless of one's attitude toward these animals, call them what you will, it is pleasant to think that Nature in its wild state is still among us. The "Call of the Wild" remains in spite of modern progress and development!

Fust They Is, Thin They Ain't

It was not too long past when one balmy, quiet morning on North West Street, Feeding Hills, a local housewife went out to hang her wash. It was about

9:00 a.m., on a perfect New England day when she suddenly sensed a strange feeling that something was nearby.



Country people often tell of such incidents when they could sense the presence of some unseen creature that would appear to be observing the person, but chose to remain hidden in the shadows, not wishing to be seen, especially by man.

As the housewife continued to go about her business, still experiencing that uncomfortable sensation, she heard a strange sound as if something was scratching or rubbing itself against a tree or post.

Casting a quick glance over her shoulder in the direc-

tion of the sound, she was suddenly staring at a brown bear too close for comfort, yet apparently unconcerned for the actions of the woman. And why not? The bear, standing in an upright position was too busy tending his own business of scratching his or her back against one of the clothes posts.

Fortunately, the woman had presence of mind to remain calm and collected, although still uncertain as to whether or not she should believe her eyes.

Cautiously making her way back to the security of the house, she called her husband to see what was in their yard. After confirming the bear did indeed exist, they alerted the local police.

Although the police were prompt to answer the call, the bear had already departed, apparently crossing the road and slowly, but gradually making its way through diverse backyards. It headed in a southerly direction toward the Connecticut State line.

Confirmation of the bear's presence and course of direction were established as several neighbors called in to report that a bear was just seen roaming through their backyard!

Perhaps, it is fortunate for the animal that it was able to vanish from sight beyond the last established sighting. As to what happened to the bear upon leaving the area, no one knows. However, it is just possible that the creature still remains somewhere in the confines of the Provin Mountain range.

PART II will appear in next week's edition. IN OLD AGAWAM is a regular feature of the AAN.

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Historical Assn. Sponsors Statue Of Liberty Campaign

Beginning on Monday, April 22nd, and ending on Saturday, April 27th, the "Love the Lady Campaign" will be held in Agawam.

Agawam, along with countless thousands of her sister communities across the country will conduct the campaign to preserve the Statue of Liberty. As the popular column "In Old Agawam" told in the last two weeks of the *Agawam Advertiser News*, the statue is presently undergoing a massive restoration process.

Money collected from all corners of the nation will pay for this awesome task. Already plans are underway for completion and rededication in 1986 — the Lady's 100th Anniversary.

Because of the tremendous amount of money needed, everyone is asked to contribute whatever they can. Most of all, the local organizing committee, the Agawam Historical Association hopes for a high percentage of household participation. Any amount will be gratefully accepted. The Association also invites businesses and clubs to join in this all-out effort. Once again everyone is reminded there will be no door-to-door canvassing, nor will there be any collecting at the malls or stores.

All contributions are tax deductible. A full report will be made to the people of Agawam at the close of the campaign.

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THE TOWN COOKBOOK

By Mary Ann Govoni

The Herring Are Coming!

Just as crocuses, budding trees, and peepers are welcome signs of spring, so too is the onset of the annual herring run in the many coastal streams and rivers of the Commonwealth.

River herring, more specifically known as alewives and bluebacks, spend most of their lives at sea.

Once sexually mature, they are miraculously guided on their annual spawning sojourn back to the same stream in which they originated. After eggs are deposited and fertilized, the adults return to the sea.

In Massachusetts the spawning migration takes place in April and May. As herring flock to the streams, so do the onlookers. Not unlike Boston marathoners struggling up "Heartbreak Hill," waves of river herring, intent on spawning, surge upstream against swift, rain-swollen currents, much to the delight of the herring watcher.

The herring's journey was even more difficult in the late 1800's and early 1900's. During this period, increased population and industrial growth brought pollution and the construction of dams to many streams and rivers. Depleted herring populations have prompted the state's Division of Marine Fisheries to initiate a program of fishway construction and maintenance to provide passage of herring over and around dams.

Also initiated was a program of stocking adult fish in streams to supplement existing populations or to establish new populations. In cooperation with coastal towns, the division now maintains approximately 100 herring runs.

In colonial days, herring runs were far more important as a food source than as a form of entertainment. A staple in the diet of early New England settlers, herring were smoked, salted, or pickled in brine.

Another use for herring was discovered during World War I, when the supply of imitation pearls from Europe was interrupted.

A French chemist, living on Cape Cod at the time, developed a process whereby an artificial luster or pearl essence could be made from herring scales. He started a business which became quite lucrative. Soon afterwards, however, the Japanese developed a synthetic pearl that was more durable and less expensive, leading to the downfall of the herring scale pearl industry.

Today, herring are used as bait by commercial and sport fishermen, and are also relished as a food by many coastal residents. Herring's rich, oily meat is ideal for grilling and is also served broiled, baked, smoked, or pickled.

For those who like roe, herring roe is considered outstanding.

GRILLED HERRING

Clean fish by gutting, scaling, and rinsing. Make three slashes on each side and insert an onion slice, lemon slice, and sprig of fresh rosemary or basil in each slash.

Place fish in a grill basket and situate the basket so that it rests about four inches over the coals. Turn after five minutes and continue grilling until the fish is cooked through.

SAUTEED HERRING ROE

Carefully remove the two oblong sacs of roe from each fish. Rinse in a pan of cool tap water to remove any debris; then soak in milk for one hour. Remove and pat dry.

Gently roll in flour which has been seasoned with salt and pepper. Saute in butter approximately one minute on each side. Serve with lemon wedges or a light cream sauce.

PICKLED HERRING

Salting: Clean fish by removing the viscera, scales, head, and tail. Place in a non-metallic container and cover with a solution of 1 1/4 cups salt to 1 quart water and 1 quart distilled white vinegar. Refrigerate for 3 to 7 days, until the flesh has lost its translucent appearance.

Soaking: Soak fish in a container of fresh water for 8 to 10 hours under refrigeration, replacing the water occasionally.

Pickling: Combine 3 cups white wine vinegar, 1/4 cup sugar, and 2 tablespoons mixed pickling spice; this is enough for 6 fish. Simmer 5 minutes and let cool.

Thinly slice a large onion and cut the fish into small steaks. Layer into wide-mouth glass jar, alternating fish with onion slices. Cover with pickling liquid and seal with an airtight seal. Refrigerate 4 to 6 days before using.

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JULIE ELY

Julie Ely Appointed To Baystate Medical Position

One appointment has been announced as part of a reorganization of Baystate Medical Center's Pulmonary Service.

Named Pulmonary Service Operations Manager is Julie Ely. She will be responsible for direction and coordination of all Pulmonary Service activities, including respiratory care, the pulmonary diagnostic lab, and external and internal educational programs.

Mrs. Ely joined the Pulmonary Service as a clinical director in 1976, and became technical director of the North Campus in 1981. She recently completed a one-year term as president of the American Association of Respiratory Therapists.

She and her husband reside in Feeding Hills.

Obituaries

Anna R. Aloisi

Agawam: Anna R. (Clough) Aloisi, 77, of 91 Walnut Street, a retired quality controller for Strathmore Paper Company, Russell, died Thursday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Born in Easthampton, she had lived in Agawam most of her life and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. She leaves her husband, Arthur L. Aloisi; a son, Arthur R. and a daughter, Ann Housand, both of Agawam; two sisters, Katherine LaFortune of West Springfield and Jane Messier of Springfield; nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Joseph L. Naciewicz

Agawam: Joseph L. Naciewicz, 56, of 306 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, an employee of Waniewski Farms, died Sunday, April 14th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit after an apparent heart attack. A lifelong resident of Agawam, he was past treasurer of the Polish-American Club and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He leaves his wife, the former Jean Waniewski; a daughter, Andrea M. Mokrzycki of Feeding Hills; a brother, Anthony of Agawam; and three sisters, Bertha Moylan of Longmeadow, Genevieve Searle of Southampton, and Irene Briggs of Needham. The funeral was Wednesday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

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Local Residents To Receive Providence Hospital Honors

A total of 202 persons will be honored by Providence Hospital at a special National Hospital Week dinner for employees with five or more years of service on Tuesday, May 14th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Providence Mother House.

Awards will be presented to employees by William J. Laffey, president of the hospital, assisted by the various department heads of the hospital.

"Providence Hospital uses National Hospital Week each year to honor our long-time employees because we feel it is the perfect time to emphasize how much each employee means to the overall performance of the hospital. The end result is only as good as the working parts, and we believe we have the best people possible here at Providence," Laffey said.

Laffey added that the hospital is honoring an unusually large number of persons this year, and that is the reason the event is being held at the Mother House.

Those to be honored from Agawam include: Marianne Tompkins, Joseph O'Dowd, and Diane Michael.

Tag Sale To Benefit United Cerebral Palsy

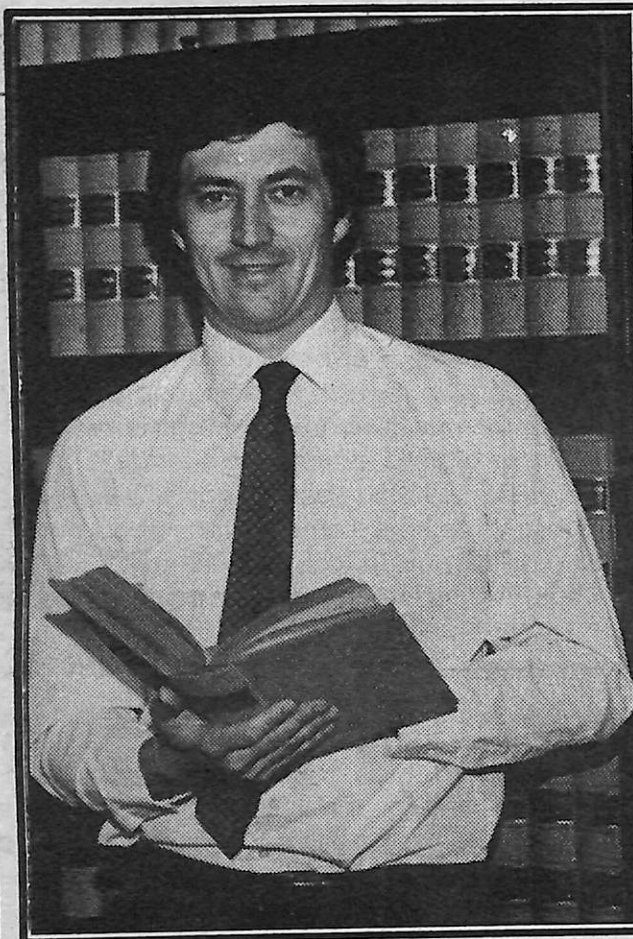
It's spring cleaning time and the Second Annual United Cerebral Palsy Tag Sale is right around the corner!

Expectations are high for this next tag sale because the group is counting on the good people of Western Massachusetts to open their hearts and donate the merchandise that will go on sale May 4th and 5th at Greenleaf Park on Parker Street in Springfield, Massachusetts.

A "thank you" to all the people who have donated merchandise so far, and a "please won't you help?" to those who have not donated merchandise.

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News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

Food Registration Guidelines

The Council on Aging registration for food commodities will be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 22nd and 23rd, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Senior citizens only may apply at either the Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, or at Sacred Heart Church, 1059 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, but must apply where they will be picking up their commodities. All other eligible families must apply at Sacred Heart Church.

Anyone previously registered and holding a green card must turn in the old card when re-registering, during the hours designated. No further commodities will be issued on the green cards. To receive a new card, valid for one year, a new statement of eligibility must be signed.

Eligibility: Rules and regulations for eligibility as set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Nutrition will be enforced. They are as follows: Receiving assistance from Welfare or Medicaid; SSI; Fuel Assistance; Head Start; AFDC; WIC; WIN; and Housing Assistance.

Also, Self Declaration, for which income must be within fuel assistance guidelines, and a current weekly or monthly check stub, must be submitted for verification. Senior citizens do not automatically qualify because of age.

One ticket (or card) is issued for families of four persons or less; two tickets (or cards) for families of five or more persons.

Absentee Registration: Only handicapped individuals may send a representative to register for them. The representative must have: 1) a letter of authorization, and 2) a social security card for the person being registered.

Because we expect to re-register more than 700 people, as well as new persons, we ask that you **please comply with the designated hours — Monday and Tuesday, April 22nd and 23rd, between 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also, bring your social security card and proof of income or eligibility.**

COMING EVENTS

April 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. The local chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority is sponsoring a social evening at the Senior Center for all seniors. Emma Carlson will tell about her recent trip to Australia, and homemade refreshments will be served. An interesting program for everyone.

Special Luncheon Program. Tuesday, April 23rd. Fats Daniel will again entertain following lunch at the Senior Center. Menu for that day will be Salisbury steak. Make your reservations for lunch at least a day ahead. These programs are always very popular.

April 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Next Food Distribution. Must have your new card to receive the commodities being distributed. Cards will be issued to all eligible persons on Monday and Tuesday, April 22nd and 23rd.

May 14th, 7:30 p.m., Springfield Golden Agers Classics '85, at Springfield Symphony Hall. Reservations may be made at the Senior Center ticket booth between 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily. Price is \$3.50. Transportation is on your own, but if you will need a ride, or if you are driving and have room for any passengers, let the ticket person know. She will try to coordinate the transportation.

Hobby Club, Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. If you enjoy "making things," visit the center on Thursday afternoons and add your skills to this congenial group, or learn some new ones.

New Education Classes

Tuesday, April 30th, at 6:00 p.m. "History and Demonstration of Dance," by Rene Zidik,

Linda Stone and Terri Eager from Westfield State College.

Tuesday, May 7th, at 6:00 p.m. A talk on "Criminal Justice" by Dave Guilden and Bob Jackson, from Westfield State College.

Mini-College News

Library Users Class. This course is proving very popular and filling a great need in familiarizing the members with the many resources available at the Agawam Library, and teaching them how to make use of them.

This is one of the Council on Aging educational courses available to all Agawam seniors. It is held on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. A six-week course, it will be completed on May 9th.

Creative Writing I - May 7th, at 6:00 p.m. at the center. Instructors are Kara Puskey, assisted by Pearl Puskey. Opens still available. Call 786-0400, extension 242.

Modern Literature - Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Instructor is Richard Mundo. Class is reading Ernest Hemingway's *Farewell To Arms*.

Drama Workshop - Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. Now rehearsing for the production to be given in October. If you signed up, it is important that you make every effort to attend rehearsals.

Volunteer Sought

The Council on Aging is looking for a person (or persons), perhaps a retired school-teacher - who will be willing to volunteer a few hours a month to help coordinate the Senior Center Educational Program.

These varied courses are adding a new dimension to the lives of many of our seniors. Please give this some serious thought. For more information, contact Richard Mundo at 786-0400, or stop in at the Senior Center and visit with Richard.

Saratoga Trip - July 18th

Don't miss out on the July 18th trip to Saratoga! It includes a guided tour of the Racing Museum, lunch at the Trade Winds, and a performance by the New York City Ballet. Price is \$26 per person. Make your reservation at the ticket booth at the center, daily, between 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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FROM THE PULPIT

By Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

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The Preaching of Peter in The Book of Acts 10:39-43.

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!"

With these words we ushered in our Easter celebration, rejoicing in the Presence of Christ, the Living God, among us.

For those of you who were with us on Easter Sunday, you know what a wonderful time we had with Him and with each other. The altar has never looked better, the choir was superb, and we had one of the largest attendances in recent memory.

One of the great gifts of being a Christian is that, for us, Easter goes on. In addition to the Sunday-by-Sunday celebration of the Resurrection in the Holy Eucharist, we will rejoice in the Resurrection for the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost.

I hope that you will join us, sharing in the joy of this special season, and also following the words of Peter in using this special time of year as an opportunity to "witness," or "testify to all people" that our Lord is alive, and ready to forgive and heal all who put their trust in Him.

As a specific encouragement to be a good witness, please be sure to **welcome a fellow member of St. David's into your home on Sunday, April 21.** He or she will bring you a book of names along with a pamphlet entitled, "Sharing Your Faith," which will detail the means to do so effectively and sensitively.

Also included with the booklet will be an invitation to **join us for a four-week seminar on "Sharing Your Faith"** to be held at St. David's beginning Wednesday evening, April 24th. It promises to be exciting and informative.

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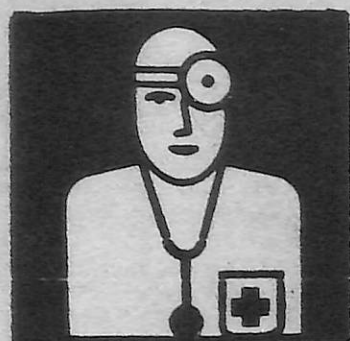
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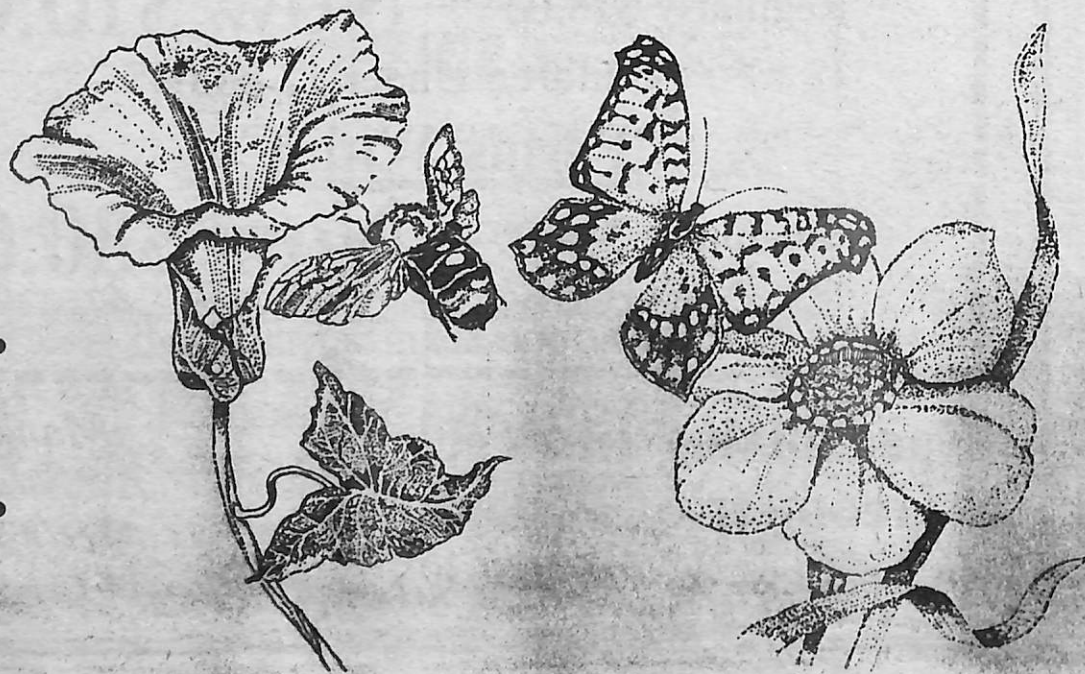
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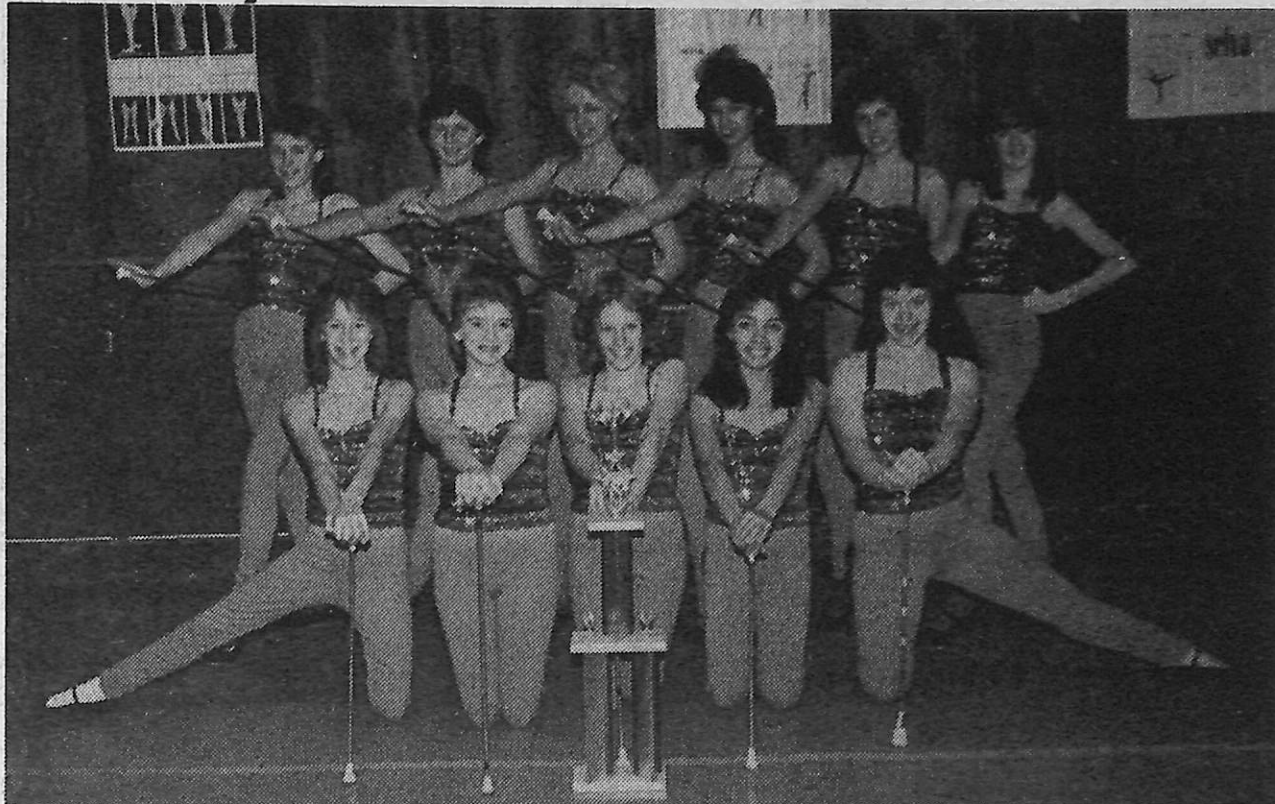
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Academy Students Win 1985 Dance Twirl



PICTURED ABOVE are the Junior Massachusetts 1985 Dance Twirl Champions. The girls won the state title in Billerica, Massachusetts. The girls all study dance and baton at the Academy of Artistic Performance of Agawam. Back row, from left - Janet Lennon, Hollie Nading, Melanie Moodie, Jennifer Karanian, Tracey DeVries, and Natalie Young. Front row - Becky Bryant, Kirstin Hurst, Kristy Wage, Kerrie Tymeson, and Linda Burnett. Missing from photo is Jennifer Robinson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Area UNICO Chapters Attend District I Ball

Massachusetts District I Governors' Ball was held Saturday, April 13th, at Sheraton-Lincoln in Worcester, with over 200 attending.

Michael R. Lopardo of Unico's Worcester chapter was honored as Massachusetts District I Unican "Man of the Year."

District Governor Raymond Caputo presented Lopardo with a special Unican plaque.

Unico national president Anthony Galoti was the main speaker.

He praised the work of Massachusetts District I Unicans and spoke about the importance of restoring the Statue of Liberty in New York as another Unican project.

A film on the Statue of Liberty was shown. Also attending was executive vice-president Joseph Andreis of Ludlow, who will be national president next year.

Dave Kunasek Wins Top Honors In Prudential District

Dave Kunasek, 64 Day Street, Agawam, has won top honors in the Prudential Insurance Company's West Springfield District, it was announced recently by Joseph R. Buchonis, district manager.

Kunasek, a member of the West Springfield office, was named "Agent of the Month," for the month of March 1985.

This award is based on professional accomplishments in the sale and service of Life and Health Insurance and Income Retirement Annuities (IRA).

In winning this prestigious honor, Dave competed against 39 sales representatives in the West Springfield District, which has offices in Great Barrington and West Springfield.

Stigmatine Scholarship Fund Plans 23rd Annual Banquet

The Stigmatine Scholarship Fund Committee will have their 23rd Annual Banquet on Sunday, April 28th, at Chez Josef in Agawam.

Cocktails, with hot hors d'oeuvres, will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$17.50 per person and may be had from committee members. Also, tickets can be bought by calling ticket chairman Lou Lodigiani at 739-7752. Proceeds will financially benefit young men who are studying for the priesthood in the Stigmatine Order.

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POSING AT THE FASHION SHOW sponsored by the Agawam Parents For Transportation on Wednesday, April 10th are, from left - Joy Moreau, John Donnellan, Donna Burnette, and Lisa Dashnaw. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



YOUNGSTERS JENNIFER BROWN and ROBERT KERKOVICH model clothing for outdoor play at the benefit fundraiser held by the Agawam Parents For Transportation on Wednesday, April 10th. The event was held at St. John's Parish Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Beverly A. Young Promoted By Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts today announced the promotion of Beverly A. Young of Agawam to the position of inside sales representative.

Ms. Young has been employed at Blue Cross and Blue Shield's Western Regional Office in Springfield since 1973.

"Beverly Young has continually provided excellent

service to Blue Cross and Blue Shield subscribers," said James F. Conlon, regional director for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Ms. Young is a graduate of Longmeadow High School and the University of Massachusetts, where she received her B.S. degree in Public Health in 1982.

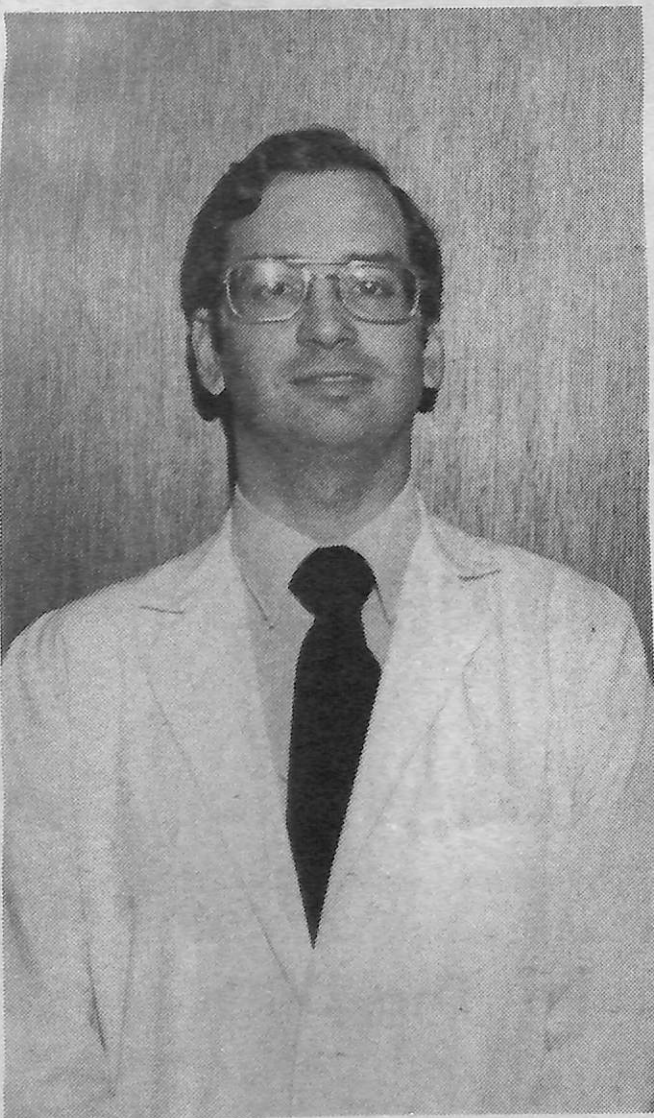
Community Grange Prepares For Annual Tag Sale

Community Grange is preparing for its seven Annual Tag and Bake Sale to take place at the Grange Hall, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills, Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A large variety of tag sale items will be there: furniture, rugs, dishes, clothing, books, magazines, and knick-knacks. The usual fine homebaked foods will be on sale, and a snack bar will provide refreshments.

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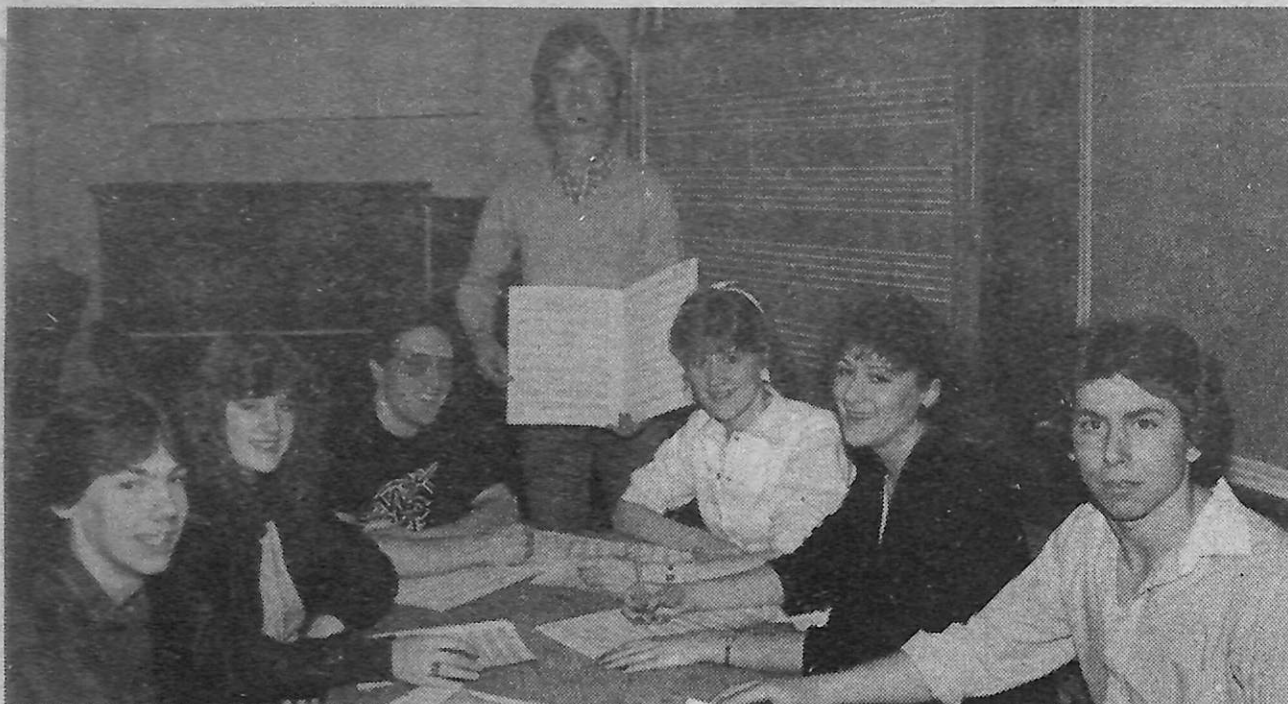
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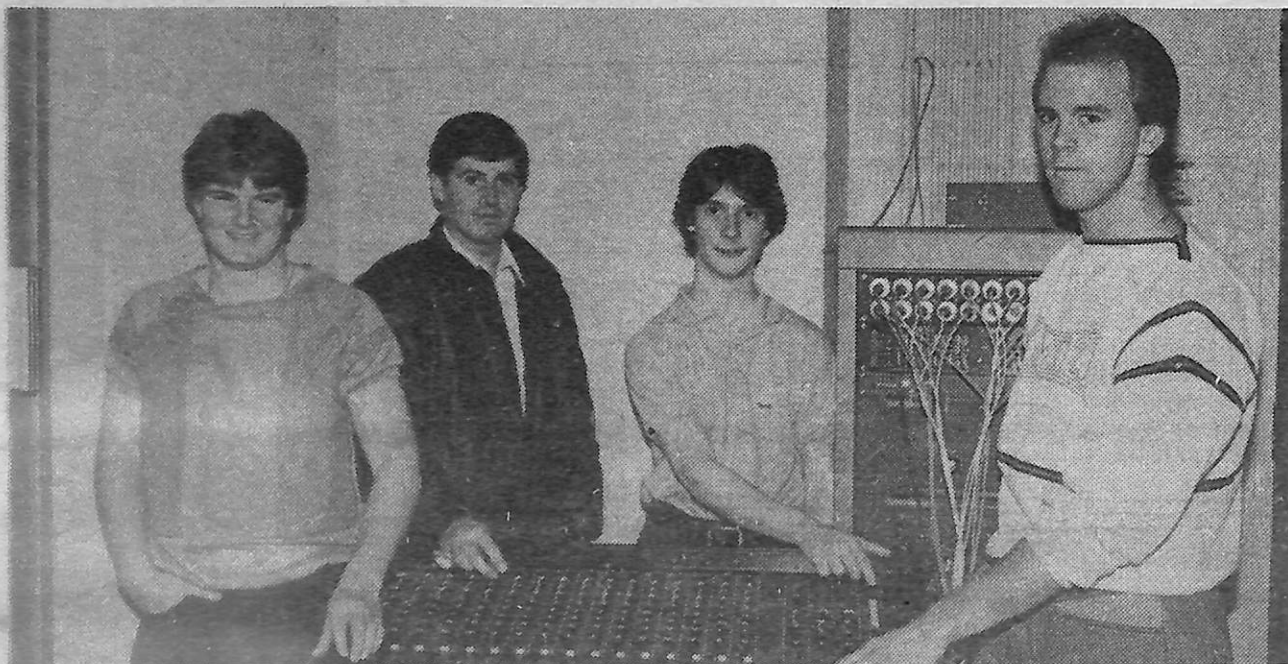




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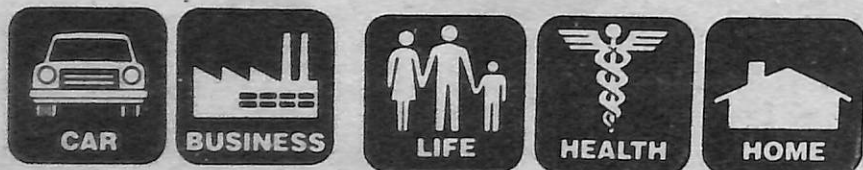
SHOW TUNES WILL SOUND just that much sweeter due to the efforts of music theory students who have worked several hours transposing songs into lower keys for cast members. Pictured from left are - Leo Boucher, Candie Cripps, John Losito, Tom Gionfriddo, Karen Conway, Karin Mills, and Dean George. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ELECTRONIC MUSIC STUDENTS, from left - Jamie Tebaldi, Dan Hobson, Greg LaBine, and Ed Cornelius will man the sound system during the three-night performance of "Grease", April 25th, 26th, and 27th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Behind-The Scenes Key To AHS "Grease"

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Local residents will have the opportunity to view the 1950's rock 'n roll musical *Grease*, as performed by the students of Agawam High School April 25th, 26th, and 27th.

As with most grand-scale productions, many individuals work diligently behind-the-scenes performing task which contribute to a show's success.

The names of these individuals usually remain unknown due to the limited space in show programs.

Believing that these hard workers deserve recognition, music director Stephen Files reports on the behind-the-scenes preparations taking place for *Grease*.

Overture Being Composed By Tom Gionfriddo

Since the popular musical does not have an overture, the composition of one is being undertaken by junior Tom Gionfriddo. Mr. Files points out that Tom will be arranging a medley of the show's four most popular songs, which will be performed by the AHS Jazz Band.

Under the guidance of instrumental director Zachary Tileston, music theory students are utilizing the knowledge which they have gained in class, transposing some of the higher musical parts into ones of a lower key.

Files explains that usually high school students are unable to sing Broadway songs in the keys in which they were written, since they do not possess professionally trained voices. Consequently, lower, more reachable keys are necessary.

Music theory students assisting in this endeavor include David Bartnik, Leo Boucher, Ernie Brouillette, Cori Bouniconti, Karen Conway, Candie Cripps, Donna Davilli, Dean George, Darrin Hill, Darrin Labrecque, John Losito, Karin Mills, Kathy Smith, and Tom Gionfriddo.

Moreover, he reports that electronic music students will be responsible for setting up and operating the show's sound system for all three performances.

Student Director And Stage Manager

Files says that Margo Poulin, who serves as the show's drama director, will oversee her theater class students as they perform the roles of student director and stage manager.

Theater students will also be responsible for the show's props, he adds.

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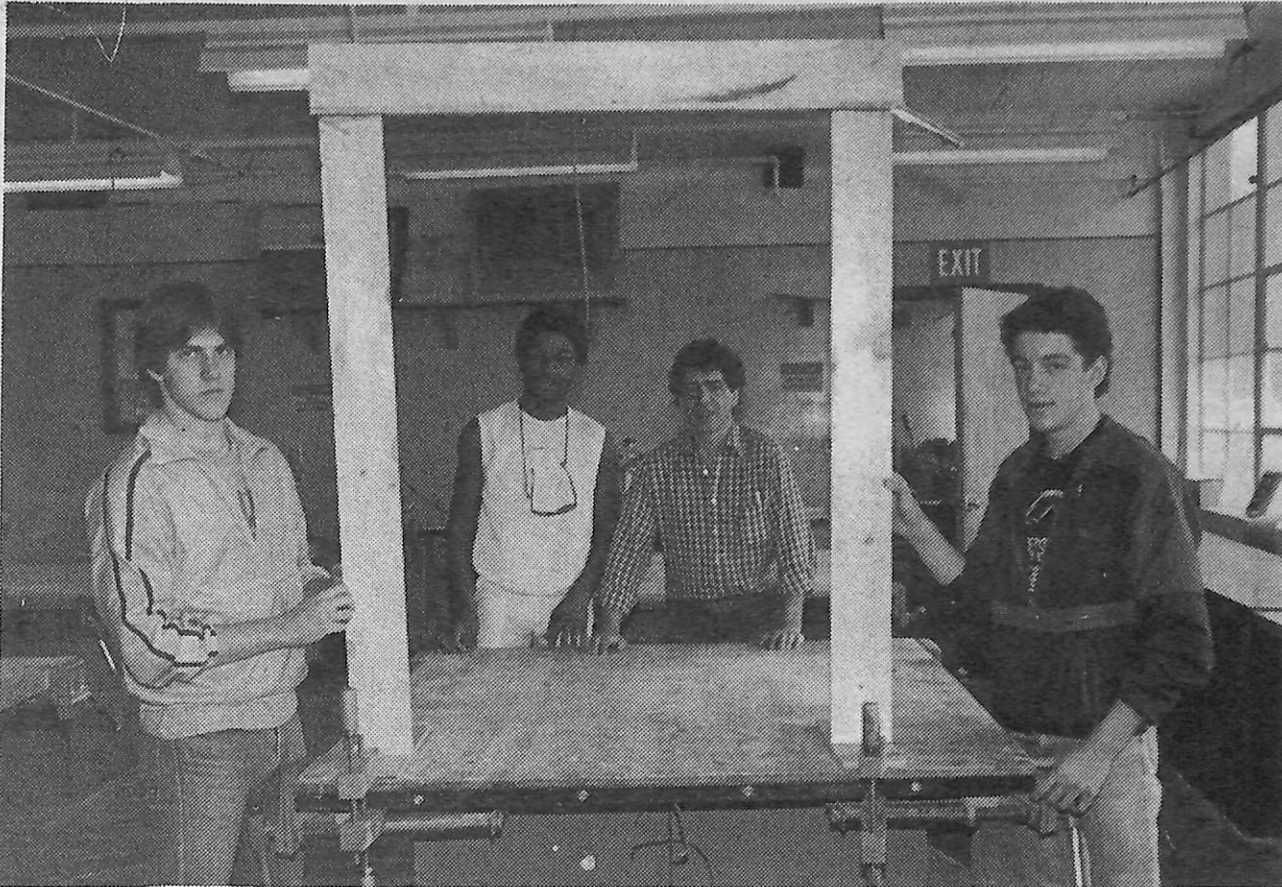
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HARD AT WORK building a window frame which will be used in the scenery for "Grease" are advanced woodworking students, from left - Tony Cichetti, Chris Hull, instructor Don Dorazio, and Frank Bruno. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Industrial arts teacher Don Dorazio has been busy directing his advanced woodworking students in the construction of several pieces of scenery for the production. When completed, scenery will consist of three main sets which can be interchanged.

Files states that involvement by the various classes not only gives students an opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom to a real situation, but also develops their understanding of the interdepartmental cooperation necessary for a successful show.

"A production of this magnitude could not take place without the assistance of these teachers and students. They have generously given of their time and effort of which I am very grateful," he proclaims.

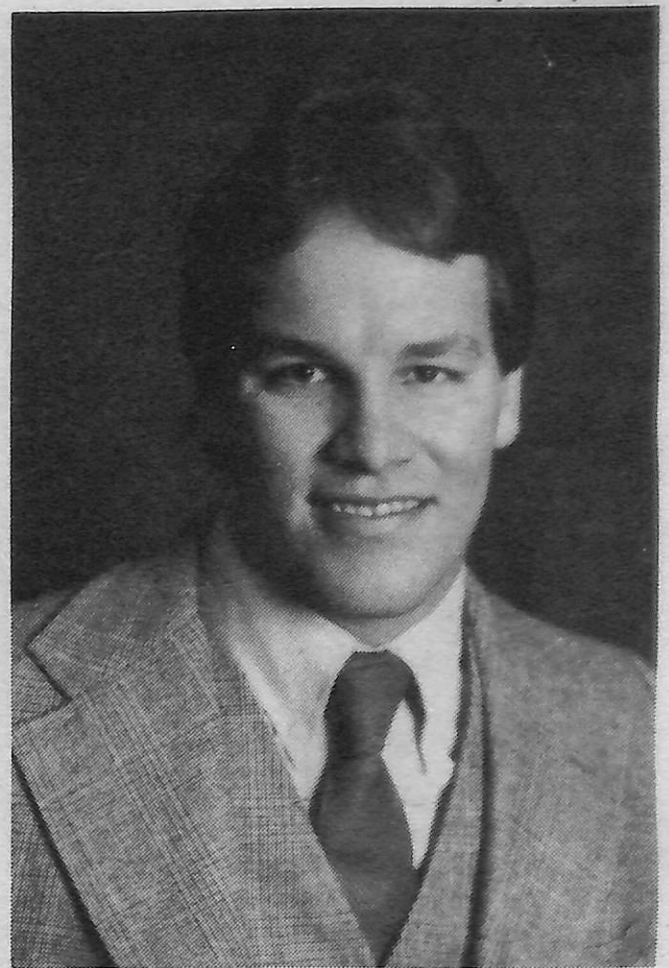
William Landry Receives Nichols College Award

William Landry of Agawam, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Landry of 24 Campbell Drive, received the "Harvard Model United Nations Certificate" at the recent Nichols College spring honors weekend activities.

Landry, a freshman majoring in public administration at Nichols, is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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GARY GEIGER

Gary Geiger Receives Degree From Westfield State

Gary Geiger, son of Bob & Joyce Geiger of Brookline Avenue, Feeding Hills, has received his bachelor of science degree from Westfield State College.

The 1979 Agawam High graduate has been the junior varsity wrestling coach at AHS for the past two years and is presently employed at the Court House Racquetball and Health Fitness Club as a fitness instructor.

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Dinosaurs Theme Of Learning Unit At James Clark School

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Although they roamed the earth over 190 million years ago, dinosaurs are very familiar to first grade pupils of teachers Beverly DeGeorge and Gail Curnow at James Clark School.

The 50 first graders recently completed a month-long dinosaur unit which culminated with a trip to the dinosaur exhibit at the Springfield Science Museum Friday, April 12th.

Mrs. DeGeorge points out that her students study dinosaurs annually and thoroughly enjoy the unit which correlates with their science curriculum.

She explains that the purpose of the unit is to help students understand that the earth was not created recently.

Rather, they learn that our planet is very old and many changes are continually occurring which affect the life span of its inhabitants.

Moreover, the children become aware of just what "survival of the fittest" really means, she adds.

Mrs. DeGeorge relates that pupils learned the two major groups of dinosaurs, meat and plant eaters, as well as where they lived.

They also learned to recognize and classify them, according to appearance and family groups such as horned, armored, flying, giant, and duckbilled.

She notes that even though names are very long, students soon became proficient in their pronunciation. Some of the children's favorites include Tyrannosaurus, Triceratops, Trachodon, Stegosaurus, and Brontosaurus.

Mrs. DeGeorge reports that as part of the unit, students made and baked dinosaur cookies, created and painted clay sculptures, read dinosaur books, learned dinosaur songs, and watched filmstrips depicting dinosaur life.

In addition, both classes wrote and shared original dinosaur stories with one another.

The first graders not only compiled dinosaur booklets which contained pictures of each of the giant reptiles, but also created a diorama depicting them in a scene typical of the Mesozoic period.

Fossils, fuels derived from them, and the work of paleontologists were also reviewed by room 1 and 2 students.

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HOLDING PICTURES OF SOME of their favorite types of dinosaurs are James Clark School first graders, from left - Erica Schlaffer, Katie Paradysz, Jennifer Siana, and Kelly Carmody. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

YMCA Offers "Good Times" Kids Program

The Metropolitan Springfield YMCA will be offering another session of its "Good Times" program on Mondays after school, and Saturdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to West Springfield and Agawam youngsters.

Transportation is available from selected schools in both Agawam and West Springfield. The program runs through June 15th, and consists of National YMCA Progressive Swim instruction, a choice of physical education activities, crafts, gameroom, and group activities on Mondays, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., plus outdoor activities at the Y campgrounds and special trips on Saturdays.

The "School's Out" program is conducted at Paucatuck Park in West Springfield, and is a year-round childcare program for children ages 6 to 12. Parents can take advantage of this program, Monday through Friday, from 2:45 to 5:45 p.m., during regular school days, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on days there is no school.

Children enjoy weekly swim lessons at the Springfield YMCA. Transportation is provided from most public and parochial schools in West Springfield, but parents are responsible for picking up their children at the completion of the program.

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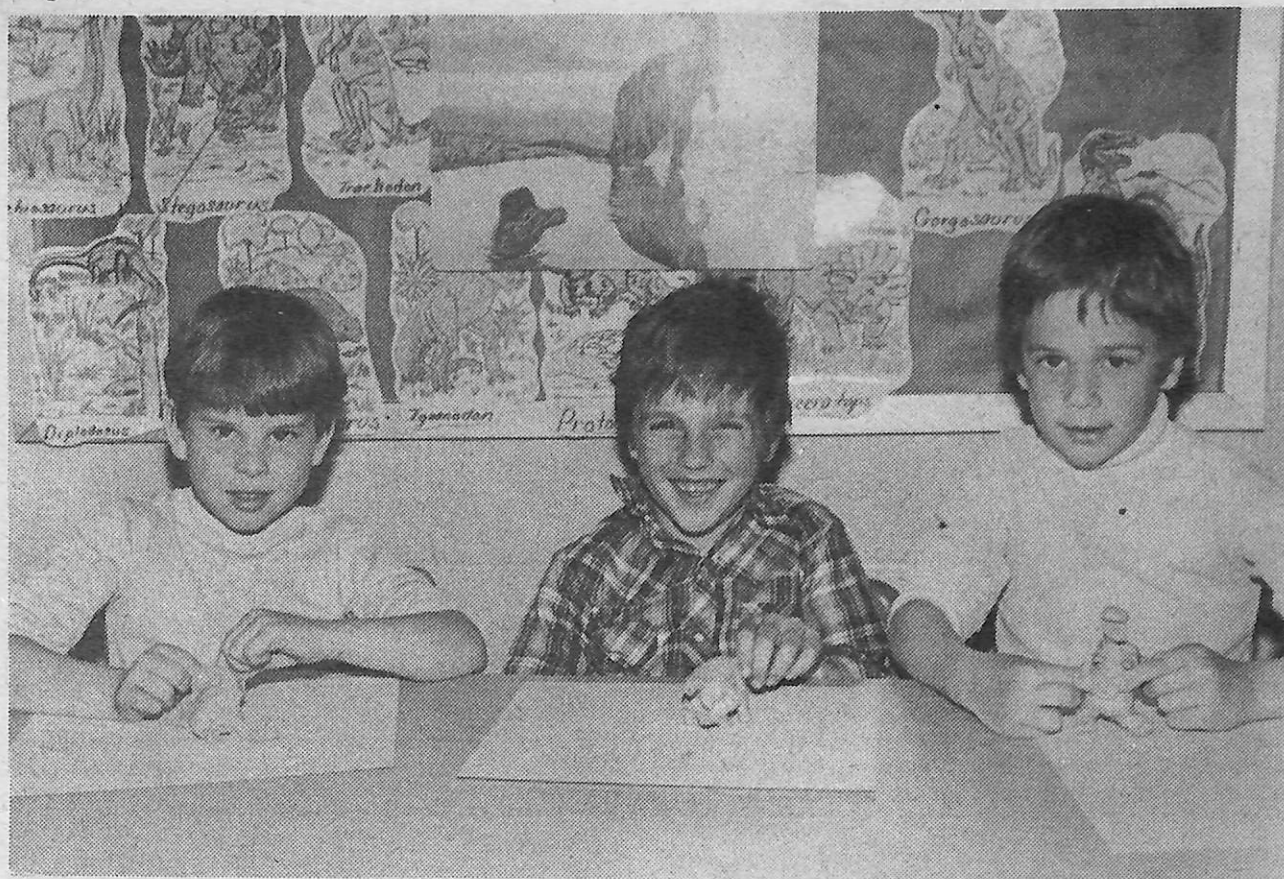
AGE GROUPS: Under 10 - 1976-77
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PUTTING ON THE FINAL TOUCHES to their clay dinosaur sculptures are, from left - Shawn Zciple, Ryan Hedges, and Greg Wegrzyn, at James Clark School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, April 22nd: Toasted bologna and cheese sandwich in roll, pickle chips, buttered mixed vegetables, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, April 23rd: Hamburg in roll, cheese fingers, steamed butter rice, kernel corn, mustard, relish, ketchup, applesauce or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, April 24th: Apple juice, spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered green beans, buttered Italian bread, peanut butter cookies, milk.

Thursday, April 25th: Filet of chicken sandwich, potato puffs with ketchup, buttered diced carrots, spiced applesauce, milk.

Friday, April 26th: Baked meatballs, potatoes, brown gravy, buttered mixed vegetables, wheat bread with butter, chocolate cake with icing, milk.

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AHS Band - Colorguard Seeks New Members

Darcy Davis, director of the Agawam High Band and Color Guard, will hold two information sessions for students who are interested in becoming members of either the band or the color guard.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30th, at the senior high, at 1:45 p.m., for present members of the high school sophomore and junior class. The second meeting will be held at the junior high school on Wednesday afternoon, May 1st, at 2:15 p.m., for present 9th graders.

In past years, color guard tryouts for ninth grade girls were held at the junior high before the end of school in June. This year, students who are interested in joining either the band or the color guard are being asked to attend practice sessions on Tuesday evenings in June, with selection to positions being made prior to the Independence Day Parade in Agawam on June 29th.

The information sessions are primarily for students who are not already involved in the band program, and

will give them an opportunity to learn about the program, tentative schedule of events for the coming year, rehearsal time commitment, and any details they would like to know.

Normally, about 20 new girls are selected for color guard each year, mostly from the incoming sophomore class; however, it is possible for older students to apply for positions as well.

Most of the new band members will come from present members of the junior high band, however, this year there will be a number of openings in the percussion and low brass sections, and students who have an interest in these positions will be considered, even if they haven't had prior experience in the junior high band.

Instruments from the high school will be available. Instruction will be given during the summer to help prepare students for membership in the marching band.

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James Clark School PTO Holds Supper



THE JAMES CLARK PTO sponsored a pot-luck supper on Wednesday, April 10th. Pictured enjoying their meal are youngsters Brian Crowley, Greg Borecki, and David Curley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CO-CHAIRWOMEN of the James Clark School PTO pot-luck supper were Dale Pappas (left) and Lucretia Ferioli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Students received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment.

Gibson is a team leader with the 24th Infantry Division.

He is a 1979 graduate of Roger L. Putnam Vocational Technical High School, Springfield.

Acid Rain Program At Laughing Brook Center

Is acid rain killing the sugar maple in Vermont? Are fish dying in Massachusetts lakes and streams? Is it true that Central and Western Massachusetts are especially vulnerable?

Acid Rain: Myth or Reality? will be a special program offered at Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, on Friday evening, April 26th, at 7:30 p.m. This program is open to all adults and is free of charge, but pre-registration is required by April 23rd.

Congressman Edward Boland, Marsha Rockefeller, Massachusetts Audubon Legislative liaison, and Betsy Coburn, Massachusetts Audubon aquatic ecologist will present their perspectives on the problem of this evening's program. Find out how you can help!

Acid Rain: Myth or Reality? is open to the public. Admission to the program is free of charge. For more information, contact Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034.

Acid rain is the popular terminology for a major type of air pollution caused by sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions.

Whether locally produced or transported long distances in cloud formations, these emissions fall on land and in water bodies as wet and dry acid deposition.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society conducts research on acid deposition through its Environmental Sciences Department and sanctuary staff. Through its legislative staff, the society lobbies on both the state and national level for the passage of bills controlling acid deposition.

Sanctuary staff and members participate in salamander surveys each fall and spring and in the ongoing Acid Rain Monitoring Project (A.R.M.).

For more information about acid deposition and its effects, contact Massachusetts Audubon's Public Information Office at 617-259-9500, extension 7250.

Agawam Library To Show Walt Disney Feature Film

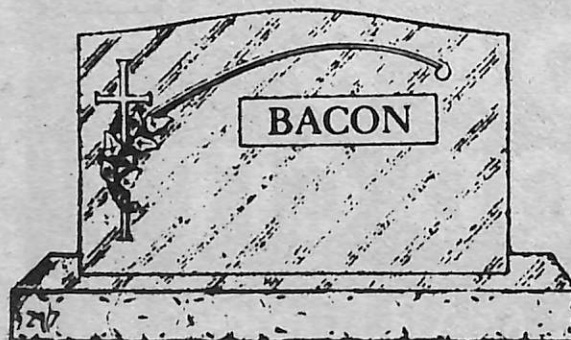
To help celebrate National Library Week, the Agawam Public Library will be showing a Walt Disney feature film, *The Cat From Outer Space*, at the library on Saturday, April 20th, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

A down-to-earth comedy starring Sandy Duncan, Roddy McDowell, Harry Morgan and MacLean Stevenson, it is purrfect entertainment for the whole family.

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Red, White, & Blue Promotes School Spirit At Robinson Park

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

What is red, white, and blue all over? The answer to this question could be found at Robinson Park School Thursday, April 11th.

The patriotic colors, which adorn our nation's flag, were the focus of "Theme Day" at the local elementary school.

One of several action plans developed during a recent Adelphi Expansion Training Workshop, the purpose of the event was to instill students with school pride, spirit, and unity.

School principal Barbara Skolnick points out that everyone associated with Robinson Park School became involved with the project.

Students, teachers, staff personnel, cafeteria workers, and janitors were all required to don something red, white, and blue in celebration of the special day.

"We want to generate a family atmosphere within our school. Wearing the same colors is just one way students can visually witness this sense of unity we are trying to instill," remarks Mrs. Skolnick.

On hand to kick-off "Theme Day" were Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, Jr., as well as several members of the School Committee. Among those present were Vice-Chairwoman Jesse Fuller, and members Roberta Doering, Rosemary Sandlin, and Raymond Saracino.

"Developing school pride and spirit is always a worthwhile endeavor. It's wonderful to see how everyone joined in the celebration," comments Mrs. Doering.

Upon entering the building, visitors were greeted with a friendly hello from fifth graders serving as doormen. Each guest also received red, white, and blue ribbons, bows, or paper sailboat pins for men, women, and young children, respectively.

Joining in the spirit of the occasion, cafeteria workers not only created red, white, and blue aprons to wear, but also baked cakes and especially decorated them in the tri-color motif, complete with mini flags.

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OUTFITTED IN "Theme Day" colors of red, white, and blue, and proudly holding "Old Glory," are kindergarteners, from left - Sean Collins, Tricia Parentela, Michelle O'Connor, and Eric Belknap. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Kunasek Reminds Candidates That Applications Are Due On Friday, May 3rd For Summer Camp Positions

Applications are still available at the Town Manager's Office, located in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, for all summer day camp positions.

Individuals who have previously been employed in the department's summer program will have preference, but Director Jack Kunasek reminds everyone that all must file an application to be considered.

Minimum age for applicants is 18 years, or they must be completing high school in June and be furthering their education, preferably in the social service's

field. A water lifesaving certificate is an advantage, but not necessary.

The day camp program will run at Shea's Field beginning Monday, July 1st, to Friday, August 16th, for a total of seven weeks. Daily hours for the camp will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Camp will be closed on Thursday, July 4th.

All applications must be picked up in the Town Manager's Office, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Completed applications must be returned to the manager's office by Friday, May 3rd.

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ON HAND TO KICK-OFF "Theme Day" at Robinson Park School were several members of the Agawam School Committee. Pictured are, from left - Barbara Skolnick, school principal; Jessie Fuller, vice-chairwoman; and members Roberta Doering and Rosemary Sandlin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN HONOR OF "THEME DAY", cafeteria workers created new red, white, and blue aprons to wear. The school-spirited ladies also created special cakes for the students in the tri-color motif. Pictured are Eleanor King and "Petie" Silverstrini. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Scout Troop 70 Sponsors Weekend Paper Drive

Would you like to get rid of your papers and magazines?

Troop 70 Boys Scouts of Feeding Hills is sponsoring a paper drive on Saturday, April 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 21st, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

The drive will be held at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Feeding Hills. Paper and/or magazines can be donated, bundled if possible. To arrange to have papers picked up, please call one of the following people, Mike Carty, 786-5617; Linda Pajak, 786-1343; or Joe Reynolds, 786-4977.

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RED, WHITE, & BLUE - From Page 26...

Mrs. Skolnick relates that individual classroom teachers supplied red, white, and blue badges for pupils who forgot to dress in appropriate colors, thereby preventing someone from feeling left out.

She notes that plans for theme day becoming a regularly scheduled event are still under consideration.

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Arts

Good Performances Highlight Encore's "Life With Father"

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Life With Father, the latest production of the Encore Players, is a warmhearted, lightweight domestic comedy that is suitable for theatergoers of all ages. Though the script isn't perfect, the cast more than makes up for this shortcoming.

The Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse play, which ran last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, has two more performances scheduled for April 19th (Friday), and 20th (Saturday). All shows begin at 8:00 p.m., at the Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue (at the corner of Sumner Avenue and White Street), Springfield.

Day-To-Day Living Of A Prosperous Family

Based on a story by humorist and essayist Clarence Day, Jr., *Life With Father* examines the day-to-day living of a prosperous New York family in the late 1880's. The head of the household, Clarence Day, Sr. (Bruce Harvey), is a cantankerous and short-tempered individual who expects his servants, his wife Vinnie (Carol Rouse), and their four sons to obey his orders to the letter.

However, Vinnie has an underhanded yet well-meaning way of getting her husband to do what she wants. And in the case of the current family crisis, she has to use her persuasive skill to the best of her ability.

It seems that Mr. Day has never been baptized, and this fact disturbs Vinnie because she feels that, without having received this sacrament, her husband won't be able to go to heaven after he passes away.

But, being a lackadaisical churchgoer in the first place, Mr. Day is against being baptized at this stage of his life, and he's determined not to let his wife change his mind.

Meanwhile, a less spiritual yet more emotional problem is also occurring in the household. The Days' oldest son, Clarence, Jr. (Jonathan Duquette), is trying to court an attractive young woman named Mary Skinner (Lisa Cincotta).

However, Clarence, Jr. feels that he could be more confident in this relationship if he had a new suit instead of his father's rather stodgy hand-me-down.

My only complaint with *Life With Father* is that it is too long for its own good. The play is comprised of three acts, with each act having two scenes. For a comedy with a straightforward and uncomplicated plot such as this one, two acts would have been sufficient to develop the characters and their situations.

Fortunately, this production of *Life With Father* never has a chance to grow boring. Director Richard Volker keeps the action moving at a lively pace, and he does a fine job of using the second act (the weakest and least exciting one) as a bridge between the notably funny moments in the first and third acts.

The best thing in *Life With Father*, however, is the acting. Fifteen performers make up the cast, and each one of them gives a portrayal that is consistently polished and credible, regardless of the size of the role.

Among the more memorable players, Flo Healy is a pleasure to watch as the ever-jolly Cora, a cousin to the Day family. Her ebullient personality produces lots of laughs, especially when she gives enthusiastic bear



FLO HEALY (far left), Lisa Cincotta, Joseph Rouse (standing), and Bruce Harvey (far right) in a scene from the Encore Players' production of "Life With Father." The plays runs again on Friday and Saturday, April 19th & 20th, at the Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

hugs to the members of the Day household.

As the play's lovebirds, Duquette and Cincotta give performances which are funny and affectionate at the same time. They convey the joy and innocence of puppy love, and their comically exaggerated depictions of their characters show the frailty in the personalities of Clarence, Jr. and Mary Skinner.

In the minor role of a maid named Annie, Charlotte West almost steals the show in the play's first act. This character is a nervous, bird-like woman who makes mistakes whenever Mr. Day speaks to her in a loud voice.

Because of her hilarious reactions to Mr. Day's booming speech, West makes Annie the most unforgettable supporting character.

Brian Taylor and Joshua Kerr are convincing as the youngest of the Days' sons. Their roles are basically one-dimensional characters who don't have to do anything but act cute, yet Taylor and Kerr give lifelike vitality to their roles and avoid turning them into stereotypical tykes.

In the lead parts of Mr. Day and Vinnie, Harvey and Rouse give *Life With Father* the greatest amount of humor. With his overbearing speech, goofy facial expressions, and comical physical gestures, Harvey is

delightfully funny as a likable man who usually lets his temper get the best of him.

Rouse Gives Subdued Performance

As Vinnie, Rouse is equally amusing, and her subdued acting complements Harvey's almost vaudevillian performance. Her droll character is a woman who gives the impression of being subservient to her husband, but knows that she can usually get the upper hand when she puts her mind to it.

Life With Father is a nostalgic comedy that gives us a slice of life from the past through its old-fashioned humor and genteel charm. With Rick Kelly's beautifully detailed set design and colorfully elegant costumes by Bob Laviolette and Liz Tongue, this Encore Players' production is a joy to look at as well as a wholesome evening of entertainment to experience.

***PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for *Life With Father* are \$5.00 (adults) and \$4.00 (senior citizens and students), and they can be purchased at the door prior to each performance. For reservations, however, call 737-0918 or 783-1616.

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PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit
Entertainment
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Ladyhawke Leaves Us Wanting More

A new fantasy film titled *Ladyhawke* has a great premise. Unable to have the love of a beautiful young woman he desires, an evil bishop aligns himself with the devil and places an eternal curse on the woman and her lover.

By day, the young lady assumes the form of a hawk; by night, her lover becomes a wolf. Therefore, the two of them can never be together as human beings except for a brief moment at sunrise and sunset.

Filmmakers Could Have Done More

Unfortunately, this premise is never developed to its full potential, and the picture leaves us with a feeling that the filmmakers could have done more with the story.

Set in 13th century Europe, *Ladyhawke* begins with a predicament in the life of a young thief named Phillippe (Matthew Broderick). Working his way through underground sewers, the thief manages to escape from the dungeons of Aquila, a walled city that is ruled by the aforementioned bishop (John Wood).

Soon after his getaway, Phillippe is saved from the bishop's pursuing guards by a black-armored horseman. This warlike figure, Etienne of Navarre (Rutger Hauer), is the former captain of the bishop's guards and the man who's doomed to turn into a wolf once the sun goes down.

For the past two years, Etienne has been accompanied by a hawk, which is actually his true love, Isabeau (Michelle Pfeiffer) in her animal form. But, this man is still bitter over the fact that he can't be with her while she's a woman, so he intends to return to Aquila

in order to kill the bishop for placing this curse on Isabeau and him.

However, Etienne and Phillippe eventually find themselves in the company of Imperius (Leo McKern), a drunken priest who was once a confidant of the former captain.

Anxious to help Etienne and Isabeau, the priest says he knows a way to break the curse's power and end their plight.

Ladyhawke is a visually stunning movie. Besides having costumes which depict our image of medieval wardrobe, it has exquisite photography that recreates an atmosphere belonging to a long-ago time and world. Shot in rural sections of Italy, the film almost gives you the impression that its makers have somehow traveled into the past to create this picture.

But, *Ladyhawke's* dramatic impact is inferior to its visual power. There are not enough scenes which have genuine emotion, and this problem curbs the film's ability to be a truly successful romantic fantasy.

One reason for this lack of emotion is the fact that much of the character motivation is told to us rather than shown. Except for two short scenes in which we see the human forms of Etienne and Isabeau together, the picture has these characters expressing their feelings for one another to their newfound friend Phillippe.

Though the actors playing Etienne and Isabeau do a credible job of expressing this mutual love, the scarcity of scenes in which these characters are together as man and woman results in little opportunity for them to actually demonstrate their affection.

Thus, director Richard Donner (*Superman, The Toy*) expects us to care for and believe in Etienne and Isabeau by way of their speech with Phillippe, who serves as a 13th century version of "Dear Abby."

If I had made this movie, I would have begun the plot two years earlier so that the audience could have seen the curse being put into effect and Etienne and Isabeau as lovers prior to their unusual separation.

Another flaw with *Ladyhawke* is the score. Some of the music in the film, including that which accompanies the opening credits, sounds as if it belongs in a 20th century nightclub.

By juxtaposing such anachronistic music with visual

imagery representing medieval times, the picture produces a discordant effect which hampers one's ability to believe in the reality of the story.

Cast Makes Most Of Their Roles

With the exception of Broderick (*WarGames*), none of the actors is given much to do or say that is of great importance. Fortunately, two members of the cast manage to make the most of their roles.

A Dutch actor who's played villains in such American films as *Nighthawks* and *Blade Runner*, Hauer proves that he can also portray heroes with equal conviction. His performance as Etienne of Navarre conveys a sense of limitless bravery that is only matched by his devotion to those he loves.

Ladyhawke is, thus far, the best film for Pfeiffer, a strikingly attractive and talented young actress who has endured such bombs as *Grease 2* and *Scarface*.

In the role of Isabeau, she gives her character an alluring presence which transcends the one-dimensional quality that's imposed by the script.

Through no fault of their own, two actors fail to bring their characters to life. McKern, a veteran British character actor, is totally wasted in the poorly developed role of Imperius. As the bishop, Wood (*WarGames*) is forced to play one of the least interesting villains I've ever seen.

Meanwhile, the quality of Broderick's performance lies between the charm of Hauer and Pfeiffer's acting and the dullness of McKern and Wood's portrayals. His Phillippe is interesting to watch, but some of his dialogue sounds modern and his comically quirky personality takes away from the seriousness of the story.

Despite its flaws, *Ladyhawke* gets a weak recommendation. Most of what appears on the screen is of good quality and will most likely appeal to people who enjoy fantasy films with romance and adventure. The problem, however, is that we could (and should) have been given a lot more of the same.

Rating: 2 STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

Ladyhawke is rated PG-13 because of its stronger-than-PG violence.

Agawam Junior High Musicians To Receive Solo/Ensemble Awards

The following students will receive award pins for their performances at the recent solo/ensemble afternoon held at the Agawam Junior High School:

Superior Solo Pins: Barbara Moreau, Tricia Rea, Jeff MacKechnie, Susan Joseph, and David Anspach.

Superior Ensemble: Lisa Lindsey and Diana Porter.

Excellent Solo: Erin O'Brien, Jamie Milici, Diane Carpenter, Karen McCarthy, Jeff MacKechnie (piano),

Allison Hubbard, Karen Modzelewski, Lisa Lindsey, Lisa Connery, Ken MacLeod, and Terri Cimaroli.

Excellent Ensemble: Elizabeth Marzano/Jamie Milici, Lisa Connery/Susan Joseph, and Karen Modzelewski/Karen McCarthy.

One final afternoon of solo/ensemble for senior high students will be held on Thursday, May 16th, leading to the "All-Star Evening Recital" in June.

The All-Star Recital will be held on Wednesday evening, June 5th, at the junior high school auditorium, and will feature students from all of the afternoon programs who received superior ratings.

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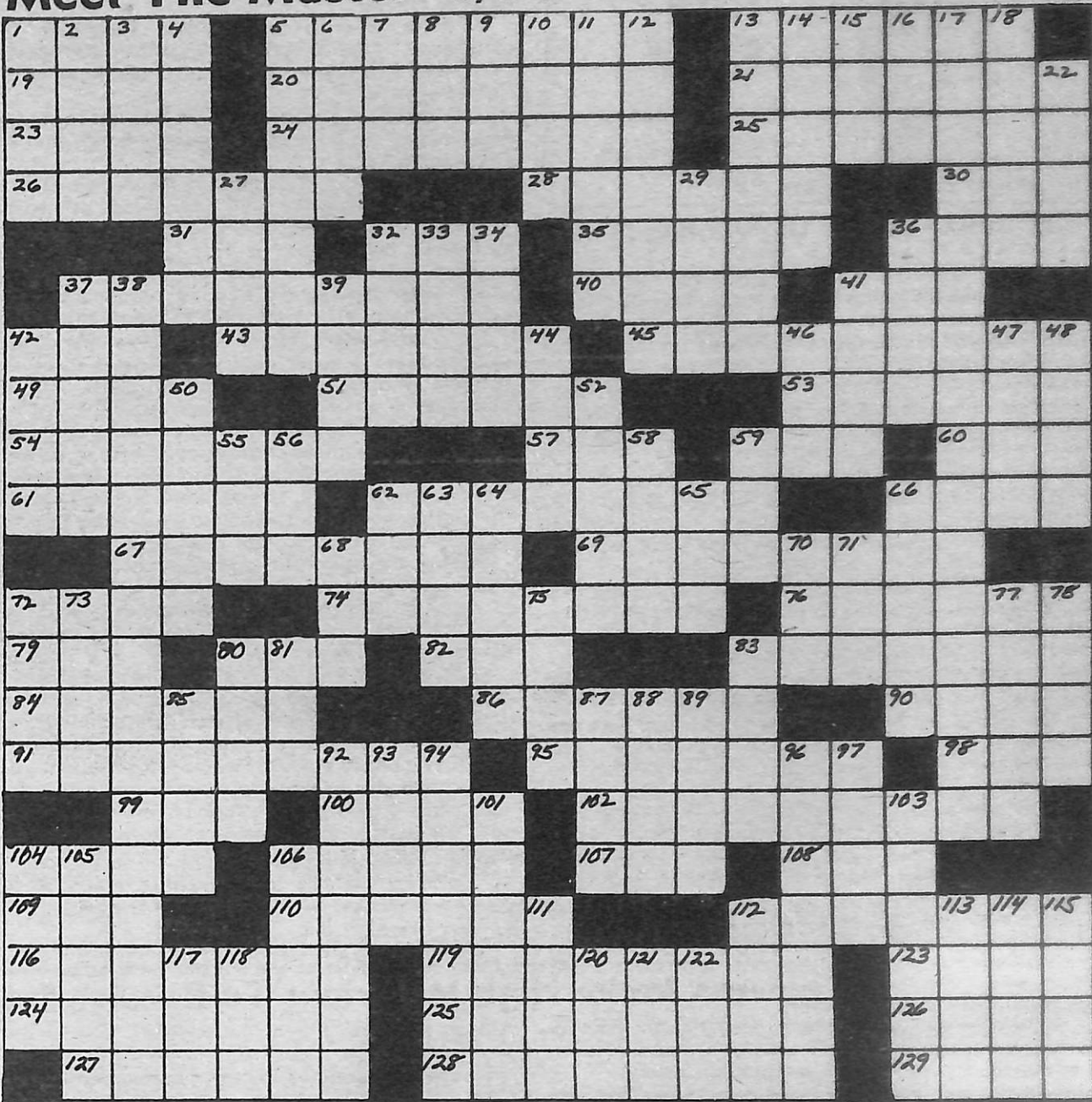
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- 13. Lymph
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- 20. "The -- of summer"
- 21. -- sense of humor
- 23. Pianist Peter
- 24. Things are not always what they -- be
- 25. Revised
- 26. Dishearten
- 28. -- -- wet hen
- 30. -- Willie Winkle
- 31. Need for a seer
- 32. Lie
- 35. Conduits
- 36. Soap frame bar
- 37. Bandit
- 40. Spirit
- 41. Hirt and Capone
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- 79. That Women!
- 80. " -- a camera"
- 82. Through

- 83. Watercourses
- 84. Astray
- 86. Console
- 90. Pack away
- 91. " -- only with thine..."
- 95. Summer hats
- 98. Overhead trains
- 99. Attempt
- 100. Pile drivers
- 102. Small cup of coffee
- 104. Clodhopper
- 106. Hammering Hank
- 107. Sheep
- 108. Explosive
- 109. Grain spike
- 110. Avers
- 112. Calmed down
- 116. Attempts: 2 wds.
- 119. Aquarium sights
- 123. Rod
- 124. Splash
- 125. Assayed: 2 wds.
- 126. Tra follower
- 127. " -- time gal
- 128. Tumors
- 129. Famous garden

DOWN

- 1. Conductors appendage
- 2. Arrow poison
- 3. "The world according to --"
- 4. Provisions
- 5. Held tightly
- 6. Times around to a racer
- 7. Cleo killer
- 8. Map abbr.
- 9. Saving program
- 10. Mr. Crosby the comedian
- 11. Landed property
- 12. Italian-Swiss Mountain Pass
- 13. Here!!
- 14. Golfer Tony and family
- 15. Took sustenance
- 16. -- Francisco

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- 17. Illinois etal
- 18. Daggers
- 22. Summer drinks
- 27. Esposito to hockey pals
- 29. Arabian cloaks
- 32. Ride cost
- 33. Altar responses
- 34. Arena event
- 36. Eastern European
- 37. One of the four horsemen
- 38. Beyond jurisdiction
- 39. Spoils
- 41. Part of USA: abbr.
- 42. Pianist Myra
- 44. Observed
- 46. Rage
- 47. Hibernia
- 48. Populace: Latin
- 50. Fathered
- 52. Extinguish with water
- 55. Irritate
- 56. N.Y. City time
- 58. Poetical close
- 59. No -- ands or buts
- 62. Mountain peak
- 63. Agnew was one
- 64. Slaves of yore
- 65. Prior to CIA
- 66. Queen -- furniture
- 68. Doctrine
- 70. German is
- 71. Row
- 72. Storage area
- 73. German mister
- 75. Kick or cloth
- 77. Soap substitute
- 78. Compass headings
- 80. Sepia-like
- 81. Bond is one
- 83. Kind of truck
- 85. Concerning
- 87. Spoon out
- 88. Again
- 89. Arrived
- 92. Speech making
- 93. NY sporting name
- 94. Ham it up: 2 wds.
- 96. Certifies
- 97. Pulverized rock
- 101. Scoffs at
- 103. Fastener
- 104. Matched items
- 105. Musical instruments for angels
- 106. -- in the right direction
- 111. Opening
- 112. Jaeger
- 113. Frog cousin
- 114. French she
- 115. Actor/singer Jimmy
- 117. French summer
- 118. Female saint
- 120. Golf gadget
- 121. Much -- about nothing
- 122. -- de plume

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Continental recently added these and other local interest programs to serve subscribers in Agawam, Southwick, Granby, Holyoke, South Hadley, Westfield, and West Springfield on the system's local access channel.

CCWM now serves those communities following the recent transfer of the cable license from Commonwealth Cable to Continental.

According to System Manager Martin Schuler, "The addition of improved local community programming is part of our overall effort to better serve subscribers."

"In addition, the locally produced shows will have a regional flavor appealing to a variety of interests within the seven communities."

Featured in the local effort will be "Cable Connection," a regional television magazine format similar to the popular PM Magazine series. Schuler said Cable Connection would focus entirely on people and events happening in the Pioneer Valley and the Western Massachusetts communities served by Continental.

The half hour program is shown Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m., on Cable Channel 3, with a new edition each evening.

The program, as well as other local programming efforts, is headed by Julie Mishol, director of Community Programming for Continental.

Other features of the newly installed series of programs include Moneythink, a show featuring local investment counselors; Kids 'N Books, a show for young readers; tape-delayed Springfield Indians hockey games; segments from the Spanish International Network; a Holyoke Community College Cablecourse on home gardening; and programming from the Greater Springfield Catholic Diocese.

Schuler said, "Continental Cablevision of Western Massachusetts efforts to regionalize local cable television offerings, as well as production of the first local interest cable television magazine program, are unmatched in Massachusetts and New England."

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COREY LYNNE LASHUA

Corey Lashua Wins Honors In Modeling Contest

Nine year-old Corey Lynne Lashua, daughter of Bill and Linda Lashua, recently won honors in modeling at a New Jersey contest and second runner-up in the "Miss Valentine" contest held in Southboro, Massachusetts.

Corey presently studies modeling, jazz, ballet and baton at the Academy of Artistic Performance in Agawam.

Corey recently performed at the Geriatric Nursing Home.

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SHANNON BIELITZ

Shannon Bielitz Awarded For Jazz Acrobatic Dance

Shannon Bielitz, 12, daughter of Dennis and Doris Bielitz, 208 Maple Street, Agawam, was awarded first place for her Jazz Acrobatic Dance at the Marriot Hotel in Springfield.

This win entitles her to compete in New York this summer for the title of "Talent of the Year '85". Miss Bielitz has won several other group, duet and solo awards in her seven years of dancing.

She is under the instruction of Andrea Ouellette at the Mary Dunphy School of Dance Arts in Vernon, Connecticut.

Miss Bielitz is an honor student at Agawam Middle School.

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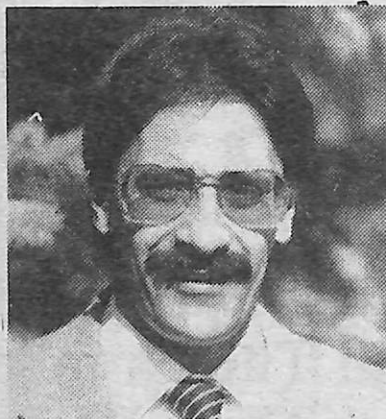
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Sports



AGAWAM'S DAVE BARTNIK TOOK FIRST PLACE in the long jump in a lop-sided win over Longmeadow on Tuesday, April 16th, at Harmon Smith Field. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SOPHOMORE NICK CARRA collected some points to his credit for a second place in the long jump vs. Longmeadow. The Brownies won easily, 127-18. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Boys Track Rip Weaker Foes From Val. League

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' track team turned on the burners and flexed its muscles against weak Valley League opponents in the opening two track meets of the schoolboy season. AHS steamrolled to victories over Longmeadow (127-18) and Classical (112-33).

The easy manner the Brownies blasted these two normally sound track schools may have coach Gus Young thinking twice about his usual cautious pre-season outlook.

But, the locals will know where they stand after their next two meets. They host defending Valley League champion Putnam Vocational on Monday, April 22nd, then meet a powerful contingent from Cathedral High on Thursday, April 25th.

Against an inexperienced Longmeadow squad on Tuesday, April 16th, Agawam's depth and superior talent simply overwhelmed the Lancers. The Longmeadow crew were hard-pressed to get any first place finishers.

The field events proved especially profitable for Agawam as they swept the discus, pole vault, and long jump.

In the running events, the Brownies captured at least first place and in most cases, seconds and thirds as well.

The Brownies' first placers in the track events were: Dave Bartnik (120 high hurdles/17.5), Nick Carra (100-yard dash/11.1), Jon Corso (mile/4.54), Todd Jediny (440/59 seconds), Kevin Long (330 low hurdles/43 seconds), Nick Pacquette (880/2:12), Vinnie Cardaropoli (220/25.1), and Mike Lemay (two-mile/10:46).

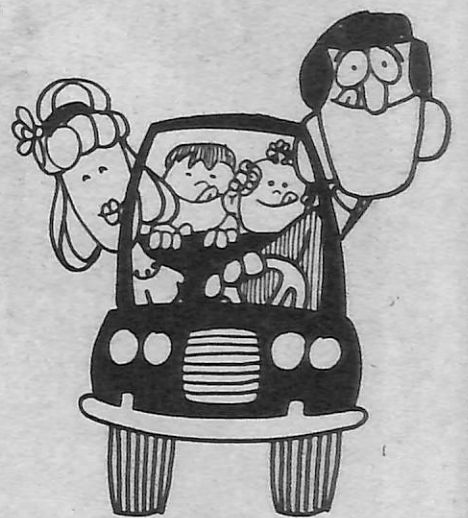
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In the mile relay, the team of Jeff Peterson, Jediny, Corso, and Pacquette raced to a quick first place, thanks to Jediny's speed on the second leg. Agawam fell behind after the first lap, but once Jediny surged ahead, Corso and Pacquette never looked back.

In the field events, the Brownies really racked-up the points. In the long jump Bartnik (17'10"), Carra (17'3¾"), and Jediny (16'2¾") made it a clean sweep. In the discus, Al Ingham (122'3¼") was tops, while teammates Peterson (92'5½") and Gary Cerpovitz (92'1") followed in second and third, respectively.

In pole vaulting, Jeff Hastings was first at 9 feet and Jeff Smith (8') and John Sonsini (7'6") were next.

Ingham captured his second first of the day in the shot put (43'9½") to outdistance Longmeadow's John Troube (36'2"). Kevin Long was Agawam's long finisher in the javelin throw at 116'7¼", good for second place.

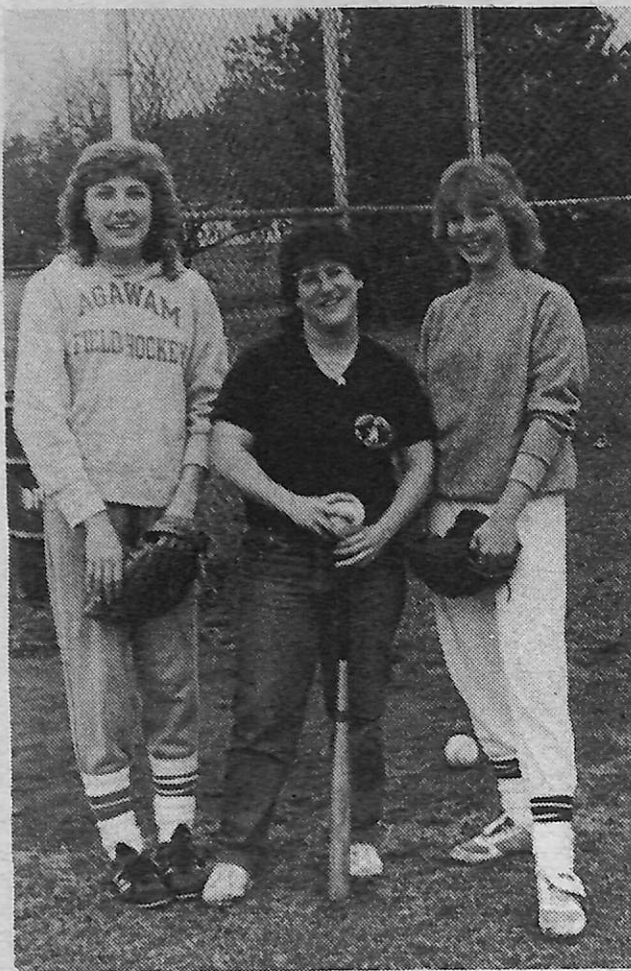
In a similar blowout of Classical on Wednesday, April 10th, Dave Bartnik was a triple winner, while Vinnie Cardaropoli captured two events to pace the Brownies.

Bartnik earned top honors in the 120 high hurdles (19.5 seconds), high jump (5'10"), and triple jump (37'3½"). The speedy Cardaropoli won the 100 (11.1) and the 220 (25.0).

Other first place finishers for the locals were: Corso (mile/4:57.4), Long (330 low hurdles/45.0), Dave Allen (880/2:23.4), Lemay (two-mile/10:37), Ingham (shot put/44'11" and discus/120'1"), Jeff Reece (javelin/114'5"), and Hastings (pole vault/9').

Agawam's depth was provided by second place finishers Joe Kosinski (120 high hurdles), Carra (100), Pacquette (mile), Chris Noll (330 low hurdles), Brian Nicole (220), Dave Ross (440 and two-mile), Scott Bovat (shot put), Peterson (discus), and Jediny (long jump).

JV Softball Underway



AGAWAM HIGH junior varsity softball coach Linda Kunasek with key players Judy Pacewicz (left) and spirited Lynne Waryasz. Advertiser

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Brownies Softball Falls To Panthers, Knights

by Judith Kelliher

Advertiser News Sports Editor

In the pre-season, the Agawam High girls' softball team would have been quite pleased to be 2-2 after four tough independent games to open their 1985 schoolgirl season.

But after the locals blasted and ripped both Chicopee and Chicopee Comp, they began to think about winning all four. But standing in their way was Cathedral High, one of the premiere teams in Western Mass., and a very solid Holyoke High team.

The locals dropped a thrilling, 10-8 decision to Cathedral before sputtering vs. Holyoke, 7-3.

Agawam staged a remarkable comeback against Cathedral that left the winners staggered in the late innings on Thursday, April 11th.

Actually, the Brownies had the bases loaded with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, trailing 10-8 before the Panthers were able to escape.

Before this, the visitors had rolled to a 9-2 lead and seemingly had this one in the bag. But with two outs in the bottom of the sixth, the Brownies proved "it ain't over 'till it's over."

The locals' surge began when Sharon O'Keefe walked, Gina Serra singled, and Darlene Vignato shocked Cathedral with a booming 3-run homer. Next, Shelly Gingras launched a triple, Leah Negrucci walked, and then Gingras crossed home following a passed ball.

Cathedral secured the final out, leaving them with a 9-6 lead.

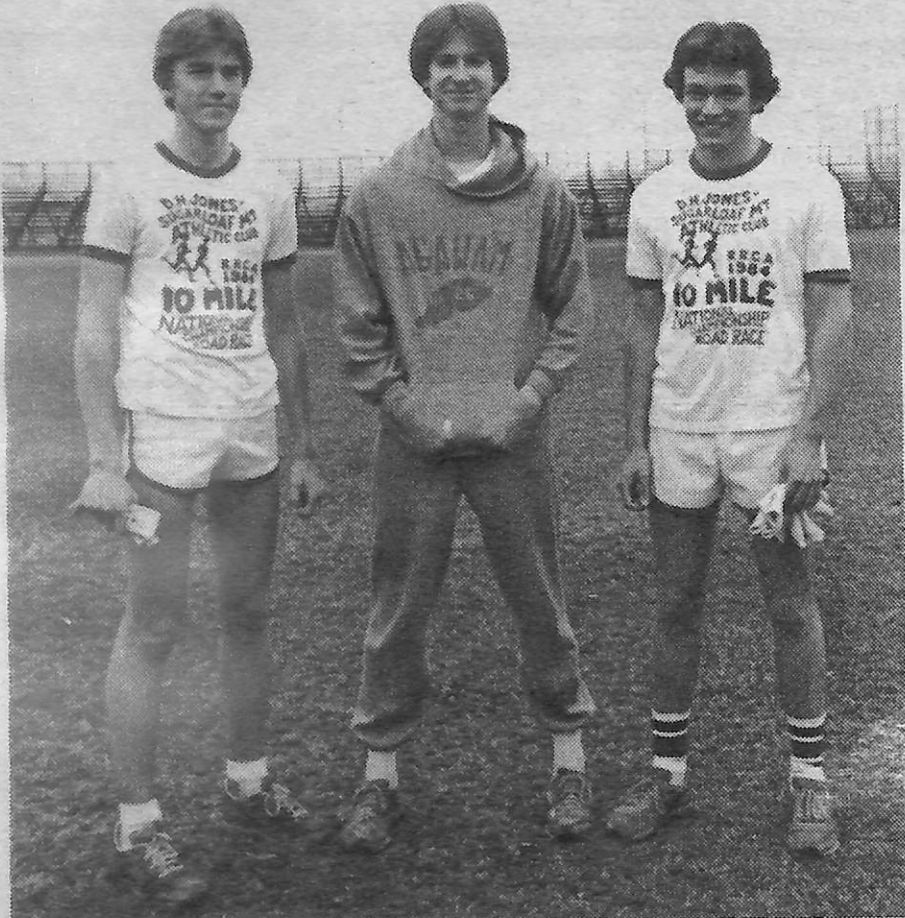
After the Panthers plated another insurance run in the top of the seventh, the Brownies were at it again, via some good hitting and baserunning.

With one out, Lisa Caron, who pinch-hit for Sue Girard, connected for a single. Girard went back into the game to run for Caron.

Girard, playing Agawam's version of Ricky Henderson, stole second and third before O'Keefe sacrificed her home (10-8). The Panthers' hurler then walked Serra, Vignato, and Gingras, loading the bases. Up walked Kathy Prezeslo, considered one of Agawam's best hitters this season.

The first four times she went to the plate, Prezeslo walked. This time, she fouled off the first four pitches, but then popped out for the final out.

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AGAWAM HIGH BOYS' track coach Gus Young will be counting on these three seniors throughout the 1985 schoolboy track season. From left - Mike LeMay, Dave Bartnik, and Dave Ross. Missing from photo is Al Ingham. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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BROWNIE COACHES BOO SMITH (assistant, left), Gerry Smith (head), and Ed Morace (right) will need quality play from captains Ron Viens (next to G. Smith), Paul Ferraro, and Bob Wing if the Brownies are to challenge Minnechaug in the Valley Wheel this season.

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Brownie Nine Off To Slow Start

by Judith Kelliher

Advertiser News Sports Editor

Senior hurler Steve Fleury went the distance and struck out six batters along the way as the Cathedral High baseball team cruised to a 10-4 victory over Agawam High in independent schoolboy baseball action at Harmon Smith Field on Patriots Day, Monday, April 15th.

It marked the second straight independent setback for Agawam. They lost a close 5-4 contest to Westfield High in the seasonal opener on Thursday, April 11th. The 0-2 Brownies, under the direction of Gerry Smith, will face the Bombers again (at presstime) before traveling to West Springfield on Friday, April 19th, in more independent action. The locals also have a Monday, April 22nd date with Springfield Tech.

At cloudy, humid, and rain-threatened Harmon Smith Field Monday, Cathedral used three, 3-run innings to put the Brownies away by the seventh inning. While Cathedral's bats were flailing away, the locals went hitless until designated hitter Ed Mutti rapped an opposite field single in the bottom of the fifth.

After a scoreless first inning, CHS went to work with three runs in the second, thanks to an error and a hit. With the bases loaded and two men out, a bad throw by shortstop Bob Wing to second base allowed two runs to cross the plate.

The visitors added their third run when Brian Griffin stroked a single to center. Smith then sent starter Rick Stacey to the showers in favor of reliever John Bubar. John Salvon hit a liner to second base to end Cathedral from inflicting further damage.

In the fifth, the Springfield squad upped its lead to 6-0 when centerfielder Kevin Sullivan blasted a two-run homer between the gap in left-centerfield. Salvon then launched another gap-shot that sent him around the bases for another roundtripper.

The Brownies drew a bit of blood of their own in the fifth after loading the bases and scoring on Mike Chausse's fielders choice. AHS had loaded the bases with Mutti's single; Ferraro reached on an error by the shortstop; and Ron Viens slapped a single to rightfield.

Unfortunately, the Brownies left the bases filled after Chausse's fielders choice.

The score remained 6-1 until the top of the seventh when CHS notched three more. A deep sacrifice fly to centerfield by Salvon and a 2-run singleton by Joe Brown accounted for the damage. Smith then called on senior Tony Kunasek to relieve Stacy, but was replaced by junior Paul Scoville before the inning ended.

Scoville went on to finish, allowing one run and striking out three.

The hot bat of Sullivan continued to menace the Brownies as he got the only run off Scoville in the eighth with an RBI double.

The locals staged a too-little, too-late rally in the ninth with a 2-run effort. Ferraro belted a triple between center and right, scoring Mutti (who had singled). With Ferraro on third, Viens let fly a deep sacrifice to right, plating Viens.

Westfield, considered one of the Valley League's top teams, got a big scare from the Brownies, who certainly appeared equal or better during this game. A suicide squeeze by Mike Cullinan in the bottom of the eighth snapped a 4-4 tie.

Cullinan's timely squeeze scored Jerry Byers, who also provided some heroics with four innings of hitless relief for the winners. Rob Atkocaitis smashed a 2-run

homer in the third, giving Westfield a 3-2 lead.

Scott Zielinski rapped a single to score two runs in the top of the fifth, lifting the Brownies to a 4-3 lead.

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"In that pressure situation, Kathy Prezezlo's the one I'd want at the plate. If the situation came up again, I'd hope she'd be at the plate again for us," said first-year coach Cindy Grieve.

"It was a very exciting game to watch. I saw many good things out there, both offensively and defensively. The best thing was the girls never gave up. Even after the game the girls felt proud about how they played and felt they could play with Cathedral any time," added Miss Grieve.

Miss Grieve also praised the efforts of starting pitcher Lisa Waniewski, who pitched well for the first four innings before being lifted as Cathedral built its big lead.

Also receiving applause from Miss Grieve was rightfielder Cari Brown. She had an excellent game covering ground in the outfield.

After the emotional-filled contest with Cathedral, the Brownies lacked the spirit and drive to topple Holyoke. Despite outhitting the Purple Knights 8-6, key errors and mental mistakes diminished Agawam's chances for victory.

Holyoke broke out with three runs in the first inning, but the Brownies did manage to answer back to tie it at 3-3. Holyoke then took command in the fourth.

The Brownies lacked the timely hitting needed to plate stranded baserunners (10).

O'Keefe led the Agawam attack with two RBI's, and Prezlo stroked a single and a double. Vignato added two singles.

"We weren't mentally prepared for Holyoke like we were for Cathedral and Chicopee," said Miss Grieve. "Holyoke was very patient and played opportunists. They wanted to win more and the girls know they didn't deserve the game."

The locals' Valley Wheel schedule began at presstime vs. West Springfield and they will then face Classical on Friday, April 19th, at 1:00 p.m.

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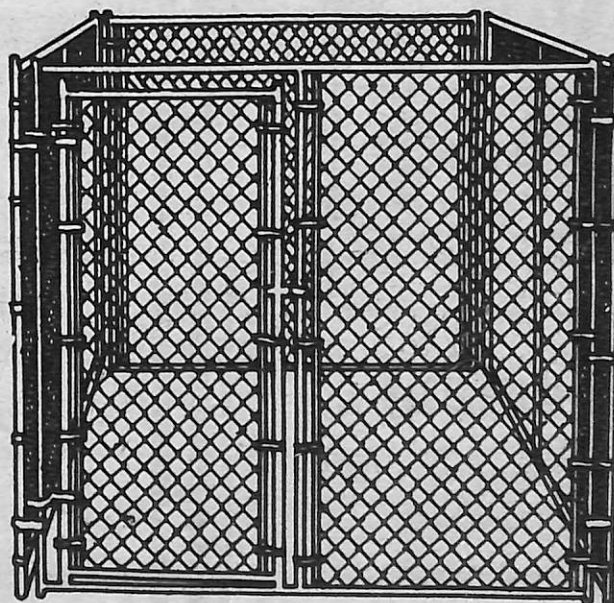
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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH BOYS' tennis team are, back row, from left - Jim Puhala, Steve Oberle, John Kovalsky, and Chris Ollari. Front row - Curtis Wu, Todd Couture, Jeff Dietschler, Bob Coelln, and Mike Jemiolo. In foreground is coach Rick Hayden. BELOW: Number one singles player Steve Oberle is off to a 2-0 start and figures to be one of the better players in all of Western Mass. in this 1985 schoolboy season. Oberle is a three-year player. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Brownies' Tennis Off To 2-0 Start

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Top-notch team play has propelled the Agawam boys' tennis team to victories in the first two matches of the 1985 campaign as they outdueled Division B opponents Palmer (5-0 shutout) and Minnechaug Regional (3-2).

First year coach Rick Hayden's netmen blanked a weak Palmer team with relative ease in the seasonal opener on Thursday, April 11th.

In singles action, number one senior Steve Oberle downed Tom Staney, 6-0, 6-2; number two Mike Jemiolo earned a hard-fought 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) triumph over Doug Duford; and frosh Chris Ollari whipped Mark Partlow, 6-0, 6-0.

The Brownies' doubles teams were just as successful with the number one tandem of Jeff Dietschler and Bob Coelln riding a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Dave Ruby and Dale Clough. Meanwhile, John Kovalski and Jim Puhala stopped Palmer's team of Jay Flegert and Joe Kitt, 6-3, 6-4.

It was a closer battle with an understaffed Minnechaug Regional team on Monday, April 15th. The Falcons were missing their two top singles players and number one doubles team, but still managed to give the Brownies all kinds of trouble.

The Brownies cleaned house in singles play. Oberle blanked Chris Tessier, 6-0, 6-0 in the number one match; Jemiolo took a 6-0, 6-4 decision from Craig Carrigan; and Ollari rode to his second win of the season, 6-3, 6-1.

The Brownies had problems in the doubles. Number one tandem of Dietschler and Coelln went three sets with John McIlvan and Tim Brown, but were on the losing end of an exciting, 6-7 (7-5), 7-5, 2-6 effort. The Kovalsky/Puhala duo were handed a 2-6, 2-6 loss by Neil Flynn and Brad Miner in the second doubles action.

The Brownies Division B competition stiffens considerably when they tangle with Holyoke (at presstime) and then host East Longmeadow on Friday, April 19th, at 10:00 a.m.

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AHS Girls' Track Smash Holyoke, 91-45

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The absence of first singles player Cindy Roy hurt the Agawam Brownies in two Division B losses to Minnechaug and East Longmeadow by identical 3-2 scores.

Without Roy, eighth-year coach Mary Wolochowicz was forced to do some lineup shuffling in order to fill the void.

Against defending Division B champ East Longmeadow on Monday, April 15th, the two winners for the locals were number two singles player Cindy Slate (6-3, 6-1) and the number two doubles tandem of Sue Bulson and Barb Garrity.

According to Miss Wolochowicz, it was a pleasant surprise for the Bulson/Garrity team to come up with an exciting 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory.

Agawam's number one doubles team of Chris Kosinski and Jennifer Crean fought hard before falling, 4-6, 3-6 in a match that was deuce-filled from start to finish.

Against a "rebuilding" Minnechaug squad, the locals were led by number one and number two singles players, Cindy Slate and Kathy Jemiolo. Everyone else lost for the Brownies.

In their next Division B match, the locals faced West Springfield on Wednesday, April 17th (presstime) and Chicopee on Friday, April 19th, at Sot Park. Starting time vs. Chicopee is 10:00 a.m.

Agawam Little League Elects New Officers

The Agawam Little League elected new officers for the 1985 baseball season at its recent meeting. Incoming officers are: Dave Cleavall - president; Steve Blackburn - vice president; Armand Berthiaume - treasurer; and Debbie Pellegrino - secretary.

Other officers appointed to serve on the Board are: Jim Votzak - equipment manager; Linda Battista - concession stand; Armand Berthiaume - field maintenance; Debbie Chechile - fundraiser coordinator; Linda Bissonnette - publicity coordinator; Steve Blackburn and Ron Chechile - major coordinators; Jerry Burke and Don Skelly, minor coordinators, and Don Nooney - instructional coordinator.

One of the first orders of business for this new season is to launch a major fundraising project, with a candy sale, beginning on Sunday, April 21st.

Also, the incoming officers would like to thank the outgoing officers for all the hard work they dedicated to the Agawam Little League in the past.

Tim Bellows To Attend Ted Williams Baseball Camp

Tim Bellows, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Bellows, 103 White Fox Road, Feeding Hills, has been accepted for enrollment at the Ted Williams Baseball Camp in Lakeville, Massachusetts, for the week of August 25th to 31st.

Tim is a student at Agawam Junior High School.



SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

Something Fishy!

The Mawaga Sporting Club recently received an award from the Girl Scouts of America in appreciation for providing camping facilities for the many scouting units in the area.

The Mawaga kids' fishing derby, held Sunday, April 14th, was a huge success. About 60 children and about as many adults enjoyed themselves. The breakfast was a sell-out. There was not one complaint about the size and quantity of trout stocked for the derby.

Salmon Released

Thirty-five thousand Atlantic salmon smolts were released into the Deerfield and the Millers Rivers on March 25th and 26th by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

The smolts, weighing in at 10-12 to the pound, are Massachusetts' contribution to the Connecticut River Salmon Restoration Program. Under the terms of the cooperative effort, overseen by the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission, Massachusetts has been assessed an allocation of 30,000 young salmon to be released each year.

In 1983, the state met its allocation with 26,000 smolt and 22,500 parr (18-22 pounds). In 1984, the hatchery raised its output of the larger smolts to 28,500, releasing an additional 22,000 parr.

Anglers fishing the Deerfield and Millers Rivers are asked to be aware of the smolts and to avoid taking them. Sixty-five thousand salmon fry remain at the hatchery. It is estimated that 32,000-33,000 will be held as stock for next year's smolts, and this leaves about 32,000 fry to be released into tributaries of the Deerfield later this spring.

The smolts released will gradually head for the saltwater, and the survivors among them should begin their return to the Connecticut River in 1987. Survival rate is low, however, fewer than 1% of the young salmon will survive the two years.

Those that do and that successfully complete the journey upriver will be protected as broodstock.

At this point, adult salmon returning to the Connecticut River this year are fully protected. The fishing prohibition on Altantics will remain in effect until further notice.

I'm afraid that we will not have the pleasure of catching the proposed 10-20 pound fish in our lifetime. It seems that every year about this time, I'm printing figures in the high thousands of smolts and parr dumped into the Connecticut River and its tributaries. The return of the adult salmon has been on the decline the last few years.

Evidently, the fish are finding it difficult to survive the two-year migratory period before returning to the stream where they were imprinted. Whether it is the other fishing around Iceland and Greenland, unknown pollution in the ocean, or illegal netting of the fish at the mouth of the rivers, the bottom line is that the fish are not showing up. It is an awful large expenditure of money for a 50 to 60 salmon return (out of the hundreds of thousands of smolts released in the Connecticut River).

Agawam High Girls Bow Twice In Tennis

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' track team passed its first test of the 1985 season in convincing fashion when they blitzed Holyoke High, 91-45 in the seasonal-opener on Friday, April 12th.

A meet with Springfield Commerce was cancelled several days later because the Red Raiders couldn't field a team. The forfeit win gives the Brownies a 2-0 record at presstime.

Depth was the key to the triumph over Holyoke. "Our ability to sweep some of the events really helped us take control of the meet," said co-coach Ginny Cassidy.

"Seeing it was the first meet, I was very pleased. The girls are pretty young and I wasn't sure how they'd handle the pressure of the meet. But, they seemed to handle it very well."

First place finishers for Agawam were many, but the second and third placers added valuable points to the Brownies' total.

By events, here's how the locals fared against the Purple Knights. Discus - Karen Daborowski (3rd); Javelin - Judy Pignatare (2nd/89'4"), Ellen Conlin (3rd/79'5"); Shot Put - Tanya Hart (1st), Laurie Brunelle (2nd).

Long Jump - Venita Giles (1st/17'3"); Triple Jump - Hart (1st), Sue Harpin (2nd); High Jump - Marlo Montessi (1st), Giles (2nd); 110 Hurdles - Samantha Duran (2nd), Montessi (3rd); 100 - Hart (1st), Sue Fassnacht (2nd), and Linda Cosby (3rd).

Mile - Karen Wright (2nd), Brunelle (3rd); 440 Relay - Hart, Kelly Sullivan, Harpin, Giles (1st); 440 - Tina Fiester (1st/1:14); 330 Low Hurdles - Duran (2nd), Leigh Whittaker (third); 880 - Pignatare (1st/2:43), Tina Smith (3rd); 220 - Giles (1st/28.3), Harpin (2nd), and Daborowski (3rd).

Two-Mile - Pat Beavis (1st), Chris Skiba (3rd); Mile Relay - Daborowski, Carol Pignatare, Katie Wright, Judy Pignatare (1st).

The Brownies' Valley Wheel competition stiffens when they face Chicopee on Tuesday, April 23rd and powerhouse Southwick High at a time to be announced.

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MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH TEAM are, back row, from left - manager Luigi Chiarelli, Todd Vangness, Jaimie Punis, Chad Blackak, and Chris Brunelle and coach Mark Verelest. Front row - Scott Stevenson, Jackie Prendergast, Mark Bodak, and Oliver Stinnette.

Richies Air Conditioning Wins Spring Soccer Opener, 3-0

Agawam's Under 16 Boys' Division I PVJSL entry Richies Air Conditioning, opened the spring season in convincing fashion with a 3-0 drubbing of a strong Wilbraham squad.

The Agawam lads are sporting a "new improved look" this season as they played strong team ball. Short passing and moving constantly, they successfully moved the ball at will up the field to put the game out of reach. A stubborn, swarming defense protected their end of the field to ensure the shutout.

The Richies Air Conditioning spring roster includes Dave Andry, Jeff Barker, Matt Bogaz, Frank Evangelista, Rich Gove, Jim Laudato, Mike Malinoski, Claudio Mames, Joe Martin, John Martin, Ricky Parolo, Brian Smith, Tom Sullivan, Dave Szalba, Joe Walz and Tony Young.

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St. Louis Stays As Frontrunner Of Tri-Parish Bowling League

For the second consecutive week, Round Two winners St. Louis (22½ wins) are leading Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl. Right on their heels, however, is second place Boston College (21 wins). Still not out of it is third place St. Anselm (17 wins).

St. Lou clocked Loyola (6th place-14 wins) three games to one in their match-up. St. Lou was led by Southwick's JOHN MLINIK, who fired a 308. RENEE JURY then followed suit for St. Lou with a 306. Saving at least one win for the losers were SHARON WRIGHT (275) and bad boy EDDIE ANDERSON (356). Anderson's big night stopped St. Lou captain DEBBIE POIRIEK right in her tracks (312). It was Anderson's best night since October 1st, 1984 when he had a 348.

In a key match, Boston College and St. Anselm split, two games each. Winners for St. A's were VENETTA SNYDER (271), MICHAEL O'CONNELL JR., (304), and RICH SNYDER (327). Venetta and Richie both work for Da Vinci's Restaurant in Feeding Hills. BC captain BOBBY MOCCIO was crucial to the outcome of this match. He smothered St.

A's captain VI MASSOIA, 338-299. Still, Bobby wasn't very happy with the split.

Villanova (4th place-16½ wins) is getting into good shape for the playoffs by stopping Georgetown, three wins to one. This old rivalry saw KEITH RESCIGNO (279), RON HAMEL (321), and ERNIE BLAIR (330), all of Villanova, winding up the old slingshots very well. The lone G-Town winner was captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO. He defeated our famous Lordly Barber, FRANKIE RESCIGNO, 316-308.

Despite this, Villanova, the Round One winners, seem well on the road to recovery after a disastrous Round Two. Moccio wasn't too happy about losing to Rescigno as they are quite competitive.

Fordham (8th place-13½ wins) split with St. Michael (7th place-13½ wins), two wins each. Both squads are just about out of it for any playoff consideration. Winners for Fordham were STELLA BARBIERI (282) and PAULINE DEPALO (278). St. Mike's was headed by captain MIKE O'CONNELL (319). Mike got some measure of revenge over his wife, ANN O'CONNELL, the captain of Fordham. Ann rolled a 315. Also starring

for St. Mike's was STEP STEPANIAN (305). This match was truly a close one.

Catholic University, a team with fine rollers but with few wins to show for it (9th place-11½ wins), made certain St. Mary's (last place-5 wins) are the new league doormats. CU came out on top, four wins to none. CU winners included LAURA SMITH (236), RAY BARBIERI (291) and JEAN BUONICONTI (285). Substitute captain STEVE ROVITHIS, who hopes to become a regular next season, hit a 307 in defeating CU captain JIM SNYDER (297). Rovithis was substituting for the absent FRED MORASSI. Actually, this was a horrible match.

Holy Cross (11th place-8½ wins) were on top of Notre Dame (10th place-10½ wins), 2½ games to 1½. Winners for HC were substitute SUE AMABILE (279) and MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (284), and captain JOHN "The Braggard" CHEKOVSKY (314). The Braggard was all over a listless BILLY COLSON (283). The best ND could do was ESTHER DEPALO'S 286. This was another one of those stinkers, or as funny-lady Joan Rivers would say "A real bow-wow."

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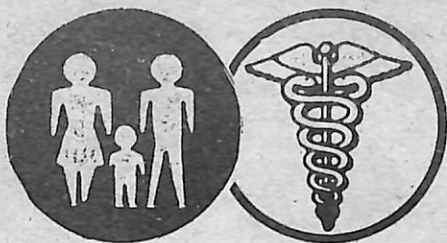
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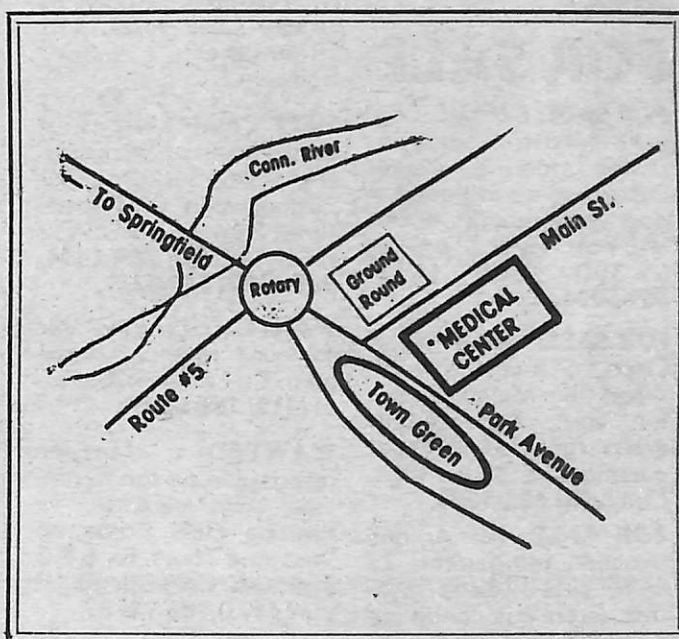
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